

Time Frames

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Don Barthel, a Founding Partner of statewide defense law firm Bradford & Barthel, LLP, is a graduate of the University of Michigan and UCLA School of Law. Mr. Barthel regularly teaches advanced workers' compensation issues (including the *AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment*) to claims professionals, physicians, attorneys, HR directors, and employer representatives throughout California and the U.S. Mr. Barthel's nomination as an expert reviewer of the 6th edition of the *AMA Guides* was approved by the American Medical Association.

Phil Billman is a highly respected workers' compensation expert. Having demonstrated his capabilities by passing the state SIP test and completing the WCCA and WCCP, he has extensive experience as a senior claims adjuster. Specializing in workers' compensation ratings, the *AMA Guides* and related areas, he regularly lectures about the *AMA Guides* and PDRS issues.

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Winter Convention

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