

## Time Frames

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In a rush? Virtually any deadline can be achieved. Call Don Barthel, Esq. at (916) 996-1263, Phil Billman at (916) 595-8436, or Kristin Welty at (916) 569-0790 for available turn-around times.

<b>Priority</b>	Three-day turn-around (add 25% to standard fee)
<b>Rush</b>	One-day turn-around (add 50% to standard fee)

## Who Will Do My Rating?

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Not some computer program or clerk. Your raters are a small group of professionals trained and supervised by Don Barthel, Esq. and Phil Billman.

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## In-House Training Needed?

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Contact Don Barthel or Phil Billman for customized training for your workers' compensation professional staff.

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## B&B Permanent Impairment Ratings and File Consultation

When you need more than just a rating...

We provide expert rating consultation services to all workers' compensation professionals.

- AMA-based permanent disability ratings with *full legal analysis* of medical reports.
- Cross-examination of DEU/physician
- Reserve consults
- Draft of AMA-based doctor letters

## Crisis Situation

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"The California Division of Workers' Compensation is struggling against a backlog of Permanent Disability medical reports...Blair McGowan, manager of DWC's Disability Evaluation Unit, says backlogs...range from all current cases to backlogs of three months or more."

Workers' Comp Executive

"You may not want to rely on the DEU to provide your ratings".

Paige Levy, WCJ, CAAA  
Winter Convention

## What Can You Do?

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To beat the backlog and catch the doctor's expensive mistakes, you can either master the *AMA Guides* yourself or consult the experts!

Bradford & Barthel, LLP is pleased to offer B&B Ratings and File Consultation Services. We will:

- Rate your report.
- Ensure *AMA Guides* is correctly applied.
- Highlight doctor's errors.
- Explain how to correct report.
- If unratable (or otherwise incorrect), identify strategy to attack the report.
- Analyze such issues as apportionment and causation.
- Cross-examine your DEU rater/physician.
- SAVE YOU MONEY!

## File Consultation

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You need to estimate permanent disability but don't yet have a P&S/MMI Report? Mail, e-mail, overnight, or fax the entire medical file. B&B will provide a highly accurate analysis of the file's permanent impairment value.

# B&B Permanent Impairment Ratings and File Consultation

## More Than Just a Permanent Disability Rating

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### You

- E-mail, mail, overnight, or fax a PTP report, medical-legal report, or medical file.

### B&B will quickly

- Review medical report and available file.
- Rate report. If unratable, document likely value.
- Analyze to ensure the physician has included no costly mistakes.
- Document portions of report subject to attack.
- Provide verbal report immediately after review and analysis.
- Cross-examine DEU rater/physician.
- Provide the help you need (e.g., draft doctor letters).

*Under a deadline?* We can accommodate nearly any time frame. Phone conferences detailing our findings are available to expedite any matter.

*Correcting PD, one report at a time...*

## Fees\*

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### RATINGS

**Rating Only** **\$ 85.00**

Apply correct PDRS.

**Basic** **\$ 195.00**

Up to 20 pages of medical record review and single body part/region rated; one methodology applied.

**Basic Plus** **\$ 255.00**

Up to 20 pages medical records review and two body parts/regions rated and/or two methodologies applied.

**Intermediate** **\$ 295.00**

21 to 50 pages medical record review and single body part/region rated and/or one methodology applied.

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**Doctor/DEU Cross-Examinations** **\$ 250.00/Hour**

### DRAFT DOCTOR LETTERS

**Draft Doctor Letters** **\$ 235.00/Hour**

\* Rates effective June, 2010 (subject to change without notice)

\*\* Plus reasonable expenses