

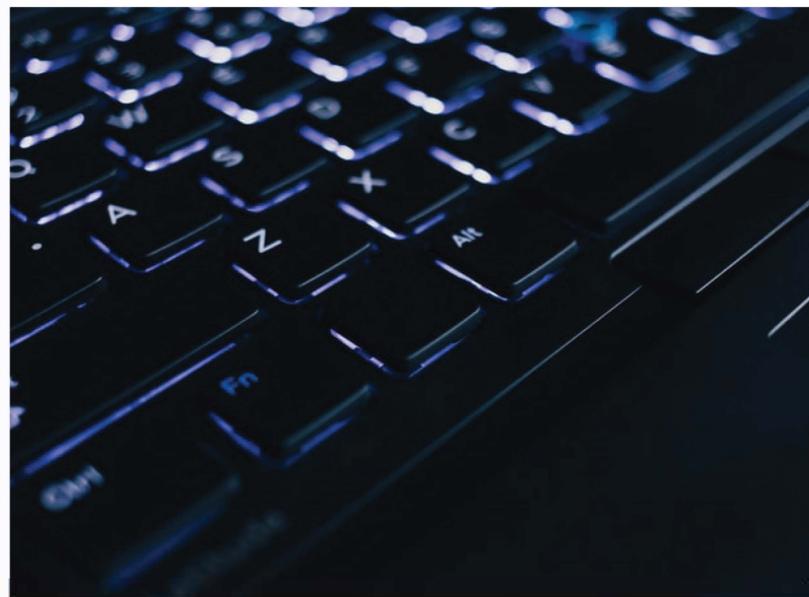
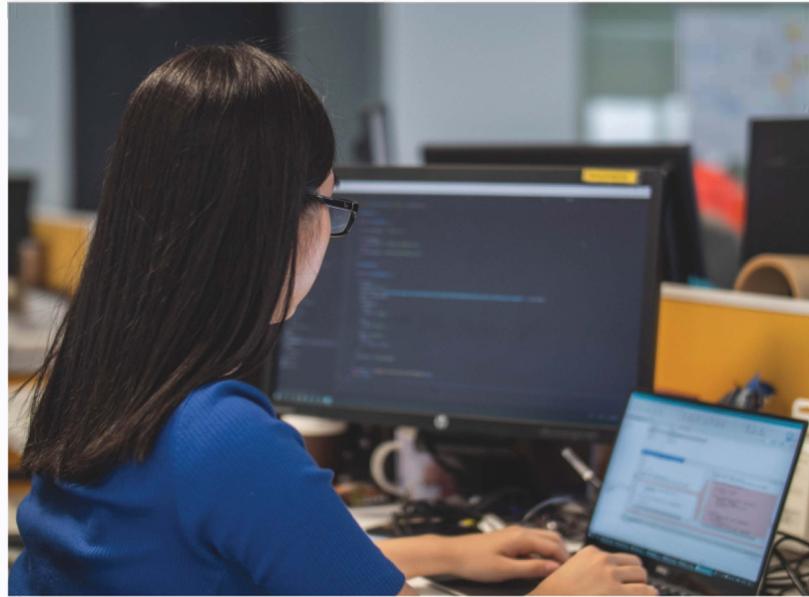


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APPLYING THE LATEST SOCIAL MEDIA TECHNIQUES IN DEFENDING WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS

Thursday, September 26th
The Crowne Plaza
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2019 WORKERS' COMPENSATION SEMINAR
The Crowne Plaza, Warwick, R.I.
September 26, 2019

8:00-8:30 REGISTRATION
and Continental Breakfast

8:30-8:45 INTRODUCTION

James T. Hornstein
Managing Partner
Workers' Compensation Department
and Program Chair

8:45-10:15 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

*"The Use of Social Media and Publicly Available Sources
in Investigations"*

Michele Stuart
President
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Michele Stuart has more than 28 years of investigative and training experience. Her area of expertise includes open-source intelligence (OSINT), counter intelligence, insurance fraud investigations, financial investigations, threat assessments, due diligence, organized retail crime, corporate intelligence, and competitive intelligence.

Ms. Stuart consults and trains federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, the military intelligence communities, financial and insurance industries as well as numerous Fortune 500 companies and professional sports organizations in open source, social media and cellular security. She has been an instructor at Quantico (FBI Academy) for international training programs as well as an adjunct professor at the University of Virginia.

10:15-10:20 BREAK



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10:20 - 10:30 *"Emerging Courtroom Trends: The Admissibility of Evidence Gained from Social Media"*

Thomas R. Bender
Of Counsel
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The world of social media is creating challenges in the way courts deal with this new phenomenon. For example, federal law prohibits private parties from subpoenaing materials on Facebook. In addition, problems exist over the authentication of specific Internet postings. A brief discussion of relevant court decisions will be presented.

A fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, Thomas Bender has briefed and argued approximately 100 cases before the R.I. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and the R.I. Workers' Compensation Court's Appellate Division. He formerly served as Associate Counsel at Brown University.

10:30 ADJOURNMENT

REGISTRATION AND FURTHER INFORMATION This seminar is designed to offer practical approaches and strategies to address new problem issues in social media unique to workers' compensation law and practice. This complimentary program is specially designed for interested insurance professionals and in-house counsel. Reservations are required by September 19th. To register and for additional information, please contact **Gerald M. Miele** at **gmiele@hcc-law.com** or call **401-272-3500**.

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