

# TECH NEWS TUESDAY

WORKERS' COMP PRACTICE IN A PAPER-LESS ENVIRONMENT



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## **Oregon Workers' Comp Section Members**

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*From the New Technology Subcommittee  
Of the Workers' Comp Executive Committee*



### **NEW TECHNOLOGY MISSION STATEMENT**

Consider, prioritize, and implement technological improvements that may benefit section members by consulting with attorneys, parties and WCB/other forums.

Educate members on how to implement technological improvements that will increase efficiency, save costs and promote environmental sustainability.

## **RULES FOR OUR LISTSERVE**

**FOR RULES FOR THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION ELECTRONIC MAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST (LISTSERVE) Click on the following link :**

**<http://osbwork.homestead.com/listserve.html>**

The purpose of this list is to facilitate communication among members of the section. Note that this is a private list: participation is open only to section members who have e-mail addresses registered with the Bar.

Everyone in this section is automatically signed up on the list serve, but your participation is not mandatory. If you want out, simply unsubscribe.

### **HELPFUL SUGGESTION : REPLY ? or REPLY ALL?**

Replies are directed (by default) to the sender of the message ONLY. If you wish to send a reply to the entire list, you must change the address to: [wc@lists.osbar.org](mailto:wc@lists.osbar.org), or you can press "Reply to all".

Please exercise Caution and Consideration ! If your Reply is suited for one person Refrain from sending your Reply to All. Thanks for the consideration !

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## On Line Services Which Are Available on the Board's Website

### ATTORNEY AVAILABILITY :

**Going on vacation ? Have an upcoming trial that has you out of the office or other dates when you are unavailable ? Notify the WCB on line (Yes they have a simple form you can complete)**

The unavailable dates you provide will be honored whenever possible, especially when resetting postponed cases. However, when a new request for hearing is received, WCB is required by law to schedule it within 90 days, so it will be scheduled within that time frame even if it conflicts with an attorney's vacation. To avoid that happening, estimate 80-90 days ahead, which is when the case probably will be set. If the attorney is going to be unavailable during that time window, try (consistent with statutory timelines) to send the request for hearing in sooner, or later, to avoid the conflict. For instance, if a request for hearing is received on July 10th, the case probably will be set between September 28 and October 8. If the attorney is going to be unavailable from Oct. 5 through Oct. 15, the request should be received before July 7 or after July 17, if possible.

## THE BOARD IS STILL SEEKING INPUT ON HEARINGS & TECHNOLOGY RULES

**REMINDER :** The WCB is still considering revisions to the OARs. The Board was not able to complete the Hearings Division rules at it's June meeting. Therefore, the Rules review will continue at the July 26 meeting. The technology rules will be considered at the August meeting. You are encouraged to comment about Technology-related issues at the August Board meeting (Date to be announced). Feel free to email comments to NEW TECHNOLOGY SUB-COMMITTEE and we will forward your comments to Board.

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