

Dear value clients,

The Department of Industrial Accidents has issued the attached Administrative Bulletin outlining temporary guidelines for the temporary handling of cases at the Department. The highlights from the bulletin include:

### **CONCILIATIONS**

- Conciliations will be conducted by teleconference initiated by the Conciliators
- In person Section 36 Evaluations, such as scarring and limps, are currently suspended

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### **CONFERENCES**

- Conferences will be conducted by video conferencing via WebEx beginning March 23, 2020.
- Parties are required to upload conference packets 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

### **HEARINGS**

Hearings are suspended until further notice.

### **LUMP SUM SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS**

Presently all Lump Sum Settlement Hearings are suspended. However, based upon our discussions with the Department, we believe that the Department will conduct lump sum settlements using WebEx with the employee submitting an Affidavit in lieu of an appearance.

### **APPEALS**

The Department is temporarily suspending the requirement for late appeals and/or appeal fee checks for any Conference held from March 3<sup>rd</sup> through April 3, 2020.

Moriarty & Associates has the requisite technology and personnel to meet this crisis. We remain staffed and available to provide you with continued legal representation.

Please stay safe and please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Very truly yours,

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