STATEWIDE HEARING OFFICER MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

THE OHIOAN HOTEL AND EVENT CENTER, LEWIS CENTER, OHIO

AGENDA

7:30 – 8:00	**Registration** (Refreshments and Morning Snacks)
8:00 – 8:20	**Opening Remarks & Update:** Jim Hughes, Esq., Chairman; Cheri Hottinger, Commissioner; Daniel Massey, Esq., Commissioner; Jim Burkart, Esq., Executive Director
8:20 – 9:30	**The Injured Reserve List: Getting the Industrial Athlete Back on the Field:** David Pettit, M.D., Orthopedic Surgeon, Adena Orthopedic and Spine Institute
9:30 – 10:00	**Hearing Room Civility**: Amanda Brown, Esq., Chief Legal Counsel
10:00 – 10:20	Break
10:20 – 11:20	**Artificial Intelligence & Lawyer Ethics**: D. Allan Asbury, CCM, Deputy Director & Senior Counsel, Ohio Board of Professional Conduct
11:20 – 12:30	Lunch (Served in Dining Room)
12:30 – 1:25	**The Medical Services Take: Demystifying Diagnostics, BWC Formulary, and Other Medical Matters**: Terrence Welsh, M.D., Chief Medical Advisor; Sara Castle, M.Ed., Director, Medical Services
1:25 – 2:25	**Trending Topics in Workers' Compensation & Case Law Update**: Paul Goodburn, Esq., Attorney, Larrimer & Larrimer, LLC; Christopher Russell, Esq., Partner, Porter Wright Morris & Arthur, LLP
2:25 – 2:45	Break
2:45 – 3:15	**Firefighter Cancer Claims in the Workers' Compensation System**: Ben Crider, Esq., Director of Hearing Services, Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

Please note: This program is live. No virtual attendance or self-study option is available.
This program is pending approval by the Ohio Supreme Court for a total of 5.25 Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit hours including 1.0 Hour of Professional Conduct and 4.25 General Hours.