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Workers' Compensation Seminar Gave Multiple Perspectives Judges, attorneys, M.D. discussed legislative changes

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Sept. 13, 2006 – More than 60 area employers sought insight at the “Current Developments in Workers’ Compensation” seminar held at the **Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce** on Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2006. Speakers included judges, attorneys and a doctor who discussed how changes and revisions in workers’ compensation law passed on Aug. 28, 2005, have affected local businesses.

Ted Lennard, M.D., discussed factors affecting return to work. Chief Judge **L. Timothy Wilson** from the Joplin Adjudication Office and Judge **David Zerrer** from the Springfield Adjudication Office discussed considerations in burden of proof, statutory amendments for occupational disease and accident cases, changes to be aware of in reporting injuries, as well as other questions about compensation responsibilities.

Attorneys **Shari Lockhart**, **Catherine Goodnight**, **Karen Johnson** and **Michael Mayes** from **Evans & Dixon, L.L.C.** discussed how to interpret and apply new definitions to workers’ compensation cases and how changes in the law will affect employment files, safety devices and drug and alcohol policies.

“Since new laws regarding workers’ compensation were enacted last year, it’s important to understand and consider the perspectives of everyone who may be involved in a case,” said Lockhart. “This was a great opportunity for us to both listen and to share what is happening with workers’ compensation cases.”

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The seminar was presented by the Manufacturers Council and the Ozarks Regional Economic Partnership, in collaboration with Evans & Dixon, L.L.C.

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