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PRACTICES

Workers' Compensation

S. Philip Unwin

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EXPERIENCE

Philip Unwin has been defending workers' compensation claims and Section 120 discrimination claims since 2005. He has handled hundreds of trials at the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB), including lay witness testimony and medical testimony on the issues of accident, notice and causal relationship, period and extent of disability, entitlement to medical benefits under the board's Medical Treatment Guidelines, and fraud. He has advised clients on claims handling procedures, the defenses available at the outset of claims, and the timelines for conducting investigation and filing with the WCB. In addition, Philip is co-chair of the firm's Medicare Compliance practice. He is a Medicare Set-Aside Certified Consultant and assists clients with Medicare Set-Asides and conditional payments, including advising them of their rights and obligations under the Medicare Secondary Payer laws in both workers' compensation and general liability claims.

Philip shares thought leadership with others in the workers' compensation field, including assisting clients in the training of new adjusters and risk managers. He regularly presents "New York Workers' Compensation 101 for Risk Managers" and "New York Workers' Compensation Training" to client teams.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Upstate New York *Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars, 2013, 2015-17

BACKGROUND

ADMISSIONS

- New York

EDUCATION

- State University of New York at Buffalo Law School, J.D., 2002
- University of Rochester, B.A., 1998

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Credentialed as a Medicare Set-Aside Certified Consultant by the International Commission on Health Care Certification

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- National MSP Network (MSPN)
- New York Self-Insurers Association

PUBLICATIONS & EVENTS

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PUBLICATIONS

- "Minimizing Workers' Comp Risk for Your Business," *Rochester Business Alliance Chamber News*, November-December 2013
- "Miami Investigation Ends With a Whimper, Predictably," *Journal of NCAA Compliance*, September-October 2013
- "Medicare Set Asides," American Bar Association *Tort, Trial, and Insurance Practice* (TIPS) Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Law Committee News, Summer 2013
- "Getting in the Game: 2011 Report Shows Ups, Downs in Pro Sports Diversity" (Co-Author), *Sports Litigation Alert*, December 30, 2011
- "NFL Scores Its First 'A' on Diversity Report Card, Yet Still Remains at the Back of the Class," DRI *The Business Suit*, May 2011
- "The NFL's Diversity Report Card" (Co-Author), ABA *Minority Trial Lawyer*, Spring 2011
- "Impending Decline in Public Funding May Push Stadium Costs Downward," New York State Bar Association *Entertainment, Arts and Sports Law Journal*, Summer 2010

PRESENTATIONS

- "New York Workers' Compensation Training," Client Presentation, January 30, 2026
- "New York Workers' Compensation 101 for Risk Managers," Client Presentation, January 15, 2026
- "Overview of New Jersey and New York Workers' Compensation," (Co-Presenter), Client Presentation, February 19, 2025
- "Medicare Compliance in Workers' Compensation," POMCO, April 28, 2015
- "Workers' Compensation Risk Management Seminar," Rochester Builders Exchange, January 2013
- "WCB Medical Treatment Guidelines," QBE, January 2013
- "Hot Topics in Workers' Compensation Law," CLE, Monroe County Bar Association
- "Fundamentals of Workers' Compensation," Sterling Education Services, Inc., 2009, 2011

WEBINARS

- "Workers' Comp Uncovered: Legal Insights & Risk Management Strategies," (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, October 14, 2025
- "Medicare Tune-Up 2025," GS Webinar Series, September 30, 2025
- "Medicare Tune Up: Boosting Efficiency and Minimizing Costs," (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, August 8, 2024
- "Mitigating Workers' Compensation Exposure for New York Employers," GS Webinar Series, November 3, 2023
- "Medicare Secondary Payer Compliance Update 2023," GS Webinar Series, March 22, 2023
- "Using Opioid Reduction to Lower Your Medicare Set-Asides in New York," (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, July 21, 2021
- "Medicare Set-Asides – What Doesn't Have to be Included for a Claimant's Future Medical?" Workers' Compensation Webinar, September 7, 2016

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PODCASTS

- "Workers' Comp Practices for Employers," The Business Council of New York State, Connect Podcast, Episode 37, February 2023
- Contributor, "Medicare Set-Asides," *Timely Notice*, November 15, 2018