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RUSSELL WHITTLE UNRAVELS COVID AND RELATED WORKERS' COMPENSATION CONCERNS FOR MUNICIPALITIES



Fort Myers, Florida — The law firm of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A., is pleased to announce that shareholder **Russell Whittle** presented “Workers’ Compensation and COVID-19” to Public Risk Management of Florida members as part of its human resources webinar series. Whittle explained whether COVID-19 could be classified as an accident or occupational disease, protections under Florida Law for first responders, and provided a checklist for employers when an employee tests positive.

Whittle has been representing the interests of insurers and employers in the defense of workers’ compensation and liability matters in Florida for nearly 30 years. His varied experience also includes serving as senior staff counsel for a Medicare compliance company, general counsel for an insurance company focusing on the professional employer organization market, and as a title insurance company attorney.

Whittle has lectured throughout the United States on various topics including: Medicare set aside issues, Medicare Secondary Payer legislation and compliance, discovery, ethics, liability, and workers’ compensation law.

Whittle received his undergraduate degree from Skidmore College, and his law degree from the University of Miami School of Law.

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