

MAY 2021 SUBROGATION NEWSLETTER

The Rise and Fall of Workers' Compensation Premiums

Employers Fight Losing Battle Against Tortfeasors Who Cause Premium Increases. Perhaps it's a lack of subrogation education, perhaps it's something more. For many corporate risk managers and claims professionals, the concepts of underwriting and experience ratings remain a clouded mystery, yet they directly affect the amount of annual premiums a company must pay. These premiums remain one of the most significant business expenses for any American employer. [Read More....](#)



Duplex: Subrogating Landlord Tenant Property Losses



Understanding when, where, and why subrogation actions by a landlord's insurer against a tenant are permitted or prohibited is critical to maximizing property subrogation recoveries. The ability to subrogate effectively and negotiate effectively in landlord/tenant situations depends on a subrogation professional's familiarity with the laws of the particular jurisdiction involved. A link to a chart depicting the landlord/tenant subrogation laws in all 50 states is in this article. [Read More....](#)

The Unresolved Pitfalls of Employer Negligence in a California Workers' Comp Subrogation Case

Understanding the nuances of the somewhat complicated and confusing subrogation law in California is instrumental in formulating the right decision when it comes to protecting your workers' comp subrogation interests. California workers' comp subrogation requires an in-depth knowledge of the law and ability to play poker. California is perhaps the most confusing state for subrogating when employer negligence is alleged. This article discusses the more confusing aspects of California subrogation. [Read More....](#)



New Client Introduction to Matthiesen, Wickert & Lehrer, S.C.



Ashton Kirsch will be presenting a brief introduction to MWL and an outline of the premier services that we provide to our clients on June 8, 2021 at 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. (CDT). If you or your company are new to MWL and have considered working with our firm, then this will be a great opportunity for you to get to know more about us. The presentation will introduce you to our national recovery program and explain why our unique practice will allow you to maximize subrogation recoveries. Ashton will be available for a brief Q/A following the presentation. You can register to join this presentation by clicking [HERE](#).

Industry News

Chubb Ltd. has given up on its' two-month long effort to acquire The Hartford. It's initial offer to acquire the Hartford, Connecticut-based investment and insurance company was \$65 per share, or \$23.2 billion in cash. It was rejected. Similar offers at \$67 and \$70 per share were also turned down. The Warren, New Jersey-based Chubb Insurance had plans for Hartford to become its center for group benefits, workers' compensation, small commercial and its major technology and operations center.



Farmers Insurance Group recently launched "CrashAssist"—a new driving app with a crash-detection feature which automatically provides a message to emergency services and dispatches help if there is no response by the vehicle operator to a push notification on the app within one minute. The app also assigns scores based on hard braking, excessive speed or acceleration, etc., and offers assistance to drivers who might be taking their eyes off the road.

Insurance Startup and Palo Alto, California-based Hippo Insurance Services—a general agent for affiliated and non-affiliated insurance companies and an innovative licensed property casualty insurance agency who uses online underwriting technology—announced a merger with blank check company Reinvent Technology Partners Z and that it would be going public in the process.

Verdicts and Settlements

Eric Goelz recently won a verdict in in Virginia involving two trucks. The insured truck was disabled and pulled off to the side of the road with all appropriate warnings in place. As the driver waited for assistance asleep in the cab, another truck came along striking the disabled truck causing heavy damage. The adverse carrier never offered anything claiming that some fault would be found on the part of the driver or company of the disabled truck which would bar recovery in Virginia. They tried to argue that the truck was partly in the travel lane and that the trucking company should have used a local service to tow the truck sooner as opposed to waiting for their own people. The case was refused by some counsel but Attorney Goelz was able to secure a 100% verdict and all of the damages.



Time Travel For The Insurance Industry

See [HERE](#) for a provocative 60-second video explaining why Matthiesen, Wickert & Lehrer views the handling of your subrogation claims - large and small - as time travel for the insurance industry. We help turn back the hands of time and attack the enemy of our industry - claims - utilizing our experience and expertise. Check it out!



Join MWL's LinkedIn Subrogation Support Network Group!

We welcome you to join our LinkedIn **Subrogation Support Network** Group! It is a community managed by Matthiesen, Wickert & Lehrer, S.C., that offers insurance professionals a place to interact, discuss subrogation insurance-related topics and issues, ask subrogation questions, and keep abreast of new developments and/or changes in the subrogation law for all 50 states. If you would like to join this LinkedIn group, please click [HERE](#).

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