

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Partners from two of California's premier workers' compensation law firms have combined to provide cutting edge commentary and analysis in a readily accessible format for that industry and interested observers. Boxer and Gerson LLP partner Julius Young, and Shaw, Jacobsmeyer, Crain & Claffey LLP partner Richard ("Jake") Jacobsmeyer, announce a new video based website on California workers' compensation, [TheCompGuys.org](http://TheCompGuys.org).

[TheCompGuys.org](http://TheCompGuys.org) features video discussions by Young and Jacobsmeyer in a 30 minute talk show format offering in depth commentary on important case law developments, trends in the industry, legislative developments and other topics of interest to workers' compensation professionals and injured workers. Videos will be posted on the [TheCompGuys.org](http://TheCompGuys.org) website and will be uploaded to YouTube and other video sharing services under "Julius and Jake: The Comp Guys."

Currently available videos include sessions on the demise of the Vocational Rehabilitation benefits and replacement with retraining vouchers; issues involved in Utilization Review of medical treatment and the 2 programs featuring discussions on the Almaraz/Guzman decisions, including the recent Court of Appeals decision in the latter named case.

The site will feature monthly sessions featuring discussion and analytical commentary on recent workers' compensation events of note including legislative and regulatory activity. A session covering September 2010 has recently been posted and session on October developments will be posted later in the month.

According to Young, "the idea arose out of a series of 3 trainings Jacobsmeyer and I did in 2010 for State Compensation Insurance Fund attorneys." He noted "California is blessed with a number of subscription based print journals and web based sites that cover the California workers' compensation scene in depth. But we believe that there is a role for video-

based commentary. Each of us have practiced in the system for decades and have a lot of perspective to bring to the show.”

Young noted the goal is to bring analysis to workers’ compensation modeled on shows as diverse as Siskel and Ebert and NPR’s Sheilds and Brooks.

Jacobsmeier observes “The show may be helpful to many busy claims professionals who can benefit from a frank give and take discussion on key workers’ compensation developments.”

Both attorneys add the goal is not to give legal advice to claimants or employers, but rather to have a candid, stimulating exchange on the issues from two independent viewpoints.

In addition to representing injured employees at Oakland’s Boxer & Gerson, Young writes a blog on California workers’ compensation [www.workerscompzone.com](http://www.workerscompzone.com). The blog won an award from Lexis-Nexis as the top workers’ compensation blog in the United States in 2009.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Law School, Young serves as a judge pro tem in Oakland and has recently served a term on the Workers’ Compensation Executive Committee of the California State Bar.

Jacobsmeier is a graduate of the University of Santa Clara School of Law and is well known in California workers’ compensation circles as a writer and lecturer. Before becoming a defense attorney 17 years ago, Jacobsmeier practiced as an applicant’s attorney for almost 18 years and was an active member of the California Applicant’s Attorneys Association including serving on that organizations’ Board of Governors. He believes having worked on behalf of both injured workers and now employers and carriers help provide a balance perspective to provide observations to this complex system.

The series is being produced by Sam Gold of Baypoint, California. A former injured worker, Gold is the founder of the Injured Workers Television Network and is active with the National Organization of Injured Workers, a national injured workers’ advocacy organization ([noiw.org](http://noiw.org)).