

“Challenges for Lawyers and Clients with Brain Injury in Litigation: Workers’ Comp and Beyond”



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About the Speaker

Emily Anderson is an attorney in Cedar Rapids, IA. She graduated from Drake University Law School in 2007. After serving as a law clerk to Iowa Supreme Court Justice David Wiggins, Emily joined the law firm of RSH Legal, where she currently practices. Emily represents injured Iowans all over the state of Iowa. She has dedicated the last eight years of her practice to helping Iowa employees with their workers’ compensation claims. Emily also serves as an elected member of a small group of Iowa workers’ compensation attorneys who meet monthly to analyze and work toward improving Iowa’s workers’ compensation system. Emily met her husband Dan in law school and they just celebrated their 10-year wedding anniversary in August. They have three children - Zoey (6), Leo (4), and Lucy (2). In the summer, they enjoy boating on the Coralville Reservoir. Emily serves on the board of the Cedar Valley Montessori School and coaches a high school mock trial team. She recently got back into running races, one of the highlights being BIAIA’s 5k in 2018.

Description

Considering litigation is a challenge after a traumatic injury. The process is slow, frustrating, cumbersome, and rife with jargon, rules, and expectations that often contradict “common sense.” At the same time there are risks to delaying litigation after an injury as an individual strives to return to their previous activities and routines. This session will discuss the information and actions that tend to support the process of seeking recompense from an injury.

Objectives

1. Recognize the types of information and actions that support and undermine an effort to recover damages related to a brain injury.
2. Identify the risks of delaying medical or legal action.
3. Differentiate between frivolous and sensible pursuit of damages related to brain injury.
4. Evaluate a law firm’s capacity to support clients in the area of neuro-law.