

SEMINAR INFORMATION 2026

Friday Classes 2nd October General Attendees

1 Class Friday Understanding Burn Materials and Temperatures

Shannon B Pittman MidSouth Claims: Executive General Adjusters- With over 55 years in the industry as a dedicated adjuster working directly with the insured, producing agent, underwriter and claims examiner. Specializing all inland marine transportation claims, heavy haul, shipper interest, cargo of all kinds, contractor equipment.

Gary Neil Stanley- MidSouth Claims: National General Adjusters- NTHECC Member- Former Body Shop Manager – Peterbilt of Memphis (25 years in one spot) Memphis, TN.

Last 9 years – Adjuster / Appraiser – Southern States Claims Service Germantown, TN.

ASE certified, Factory trained and certified through Peterbilt Motors and several manufacturers of parts, etc

2 Gus NICB-Theft

Gus Hitz is a Supervisory Special Agent for National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), Gus covers the states of Iowa Nebraska and South Dakota for NICB, and supervises 6 agents that cover North Dakota, Minnesota, Kansas, Wisconsin, and Missouri. Gus is also assigned as a Regional Facilitator for NICB.

3 Mobile Equipment

This mobile equipment seminar covers common loss scenarios and the practical issues that follow a claim from first inspection through resolution. Topics include coverage, repairs, parts sourcing, evaluations, salvage, and subrogation. It will focus on real-world claim handling considerations and better up-front decision making.

Travis Hinrichs- Nationwide

Travis Hinrichs is a Claims Specialist with Nationwide, based in Des Moines, IA, specializing in commercial equipment and agribusiness claims.

Friday 2th of October 3:00 to 5:00pm

CARGO OPEN FORUM DISCUSSION

We have gathered cargo and physical damage adjusters to discuss cargo and physical damage claims in a round table discussion. related documentation and inspections. Underwriting, the Spirit in which the policy is sold, policy language, and the Underwriting Intent. Valuations under CARMACK verses APD (Auto Physical Damage) Different types of policies that include cargo in transit, Inland Marine, Transportation, Contractor Equipment while in transit, Shippers' Interest Policy, Motor Truck Cargo Policy, Freight broker Liability Primary coverage versus Contingent.

Jon Midaugh Sedgewick Executive General Adjusters- 15 years' experience in insurance and 10 years in Towing

Diane Adams of WK Webster- Executive General Adjusters- 17 years in trucking and 20 years in insurance

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Saturday Classes Saturday 3rd October

Class 1A

Adam Brand predatory towing Inflation and fabrication of tow, recovery and hazmat invoices has become big business. With increasing frequency, towers are holding everything from heavy equipment to automobiles hostage, while demanding payment of unreasonable invoices. Storage continues to accrue and insurers are regularly confronted with difficult choices to pay or fight. This presentation will outline ways in which to identify suspect recoveries and inflated/fraudulent invoices and provide strategies to investigate, mitigate and litigate these disputes.

Mr. Brand has extensive trial experience before state and federal courts in complex coverage litigation, automobile, commercial and homeowner fraud and arson cases, as well as medical provider, bad faith, and extra-contractual liability matters. Mr. Brand is actively involved in the insurance industry's education efforts and has served as a panelist and lecturer at seminars and conferences sponsored by international, national, and local insurance organizations.

Class 1B

Recorded HACCP temperature at the shipper and receiver. The Safe Transportation of Foods, (USDA) United States Department of Agriculture, USDA Animal and Plant Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service, (FDA) Food and Drug Administration, Food Safety Modernization Act, Bio Terrorism Act, United States Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, HACCP Plan. What are these rules, agencies and how do we use them?

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Class 2A

Accident Reconstruction in Heavy Trucking - teaching the field adjusters how to collect the data, photos, drone footage and videos you would need them to get you.

Dr. Doug Powell is a Senior Managing Biomechanist at YA Group

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Dr. Powell has extensive experience in the area of injury biomechanics, treatment and rehabilitation. His experience includes sport-related injury, motor vehicle collisions, slip/trip and fall events, traumatic brain injury, spine injury and fixation, and injuries to infants (such as shaken baby syndrome). Dr. Powell has provided written and oral testimony in both civil and criminal cases.

Class 2B

Farm to table, types of transport, crop and yield, regulations, produce and live Animals.

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Class 3A

Forensic Engineering and its Application to Truck & Heavy Equipment Claims

Chris Spies, P.E., Senior Mechanical Engineer - EDT Engineers

Mr. Spies grew up spending most weekends in the garage with his father. After earning his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Missouri, he joined a compressor manufacturer where he designed centrifugal compressors and heat exchangers for automotive and industrial applications. He also has additional experience in the design, testing and analysis of planetary gear drives, as well as design of hydraulic, pneumatic and electrical systems, and powertrains for off-highway equipment. When not on the job, he enjoys fabricating and working on his drag and dirt track racing cars

Class 3B

Double Brokering between freight brokers and what it means to moto carriers, Freight Broker Liability, Contracts and How they might extend to the motor carrier, Rate Confirmation Sheets, Broker Carrier Agreements. Calculating earned freight

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Class 4A

Towing Panel- Investment Groups and Tow companies being purchased causing higher rates. Equipment used to upright trucks, trailer, and cargo.

Greg Cochran - Arkansas Truck Center- Towing and Recovery

Matt Ross- Tow America

Class 4B

Heavy Haul, Equipment Hauled, Equipment used to haul and products hauled

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Class 5A

Non-Domicile CDL Driver, Non-English-Speaking Drivers, New DOT Regs and Policy Changes, New Trends

We will discuss the new state laws and regulations and Federal laws and regulation changes. How it affects coverage and claims.

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Class 5B

The current state of the trucking insurance industry and the risk for truckers.

Tyler Tigges- SVP, General Counsel - Great West Casualty

Tyler Tigges began his career at Great West as an intern in 2010 and has progressed rapidly to his most recent role as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary. Tyler obtained bachelor's degrees in Entrepreneurship and Economics from the University of St. Thomas and his JD and LLM

in Taxation from Washington University. In 2025, Tyler graduated first in his class from the Executive MBA program at the University of Notre Dame.

As Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, Tyler works closely with all levels of the company to drive Great West's premier legal and ethical standards while helping to move our company forward through collaboration, innovation, and leadership.

Class 6A

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Class 6B

How to Read a Reefer Download and Different Types of Reefer Units

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Class 7A

How does the Supreme Court Ruling change Freight Broker liability?

Diana Adams: Diane brings more than 20 years of specialized expertise in the logistics and transportation industry with a combined understanding and experience on the broker side of the freight industry. Diane has developed strong national relationships with vendor partners that facilitate timely and accurate results while focusing on partnerships when conducting investigations while maintaining industry standards and compliance.

Class 7B

Exempt Commodities, Federally Regulated Commodities, Tax Stamps, Postal Service Claims

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