

AWCP and Dietz, Gilmore & Chazen present  
“A Spring Virtual Mini Conference and  
Wine Tasting Networking Event!”

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Conference: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Networking Event: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Case Law Update:

Notable Workers Compensation Issues Decided in 2023

Speaker: Robert E. Robinson, Esq.

AOE/COE:

How to properly delay, accept or deny a claim and the proper use of  
affirmative defenses

Speaker: Erin Ward-Dugan, Esq.

# Agenda

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Early RingCenter (formerly Hopin) Sign in (Test Tech)
1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Welcome & Opening Remarks Sarah Geivett, AWCP President  Dorothy Corralez and Conference Co-Chairs
1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Expo
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Case Law Update: Notable Workers Compensation Issues Decided in 2023 Speaker: Robert E. Robinson, Esq.
2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Expo
2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	AOE/COE: How to properly delay, accept or deny a claim and the proper use of affirmative defenses Speaker: Erin Ward-Dugan, Esq.
3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Exhibitors Raffle
4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Wine Tasting Presentation by Batia Winery
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Wine Tasting & Networking in Lounges

*Two hours of CE credits for WCCPs, Claims Examiners, Attorneys MCLE and  
Legal Specialization in Workers' Compensation, Certified Case Managers and Nurses*

# Robert E. Robinson, Esq.

## Partner, Greater Los Angeles



Certified by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization Workers' Compensation Law.

**Education**

Robert E. Robinson received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Loyola Marymount University in 1989 and received his Juris Doctor in 1992 from Loyola Law School.

**Background**

Mr. Robinson is a member of the State Bar of California and the California Bar Association.

He began his legal career as an associate attorney in Los Angeles in 1993. He has subsequently held positions as managing attorney and partner in the Los Angeles area. In 2008, Mr. Robinson accepted the position of managing attorney with Dietz, Gilmor & Associates to manage the Encino/Greater Los Angeles office, and in 2017 he became a partner with Dietz, Gilmor & Chazen.

Mr. Robinson has more than 24 years' experience in defending self-insured employers and insurance carriers. He is a Certified Specialist in Worker's Compensation and successfully litigates complex cases while providing exceptional client service. Robert's expertise is sought in cases involving toxic exposure/mold and death claims. His areas of practice are workers' compensation litigation, serious and willful, and Labor Code Section (§)132a claims. Robert is further sought out by insurance companies and employers to defend them from claims of "other coverage" made by CIGA.

Rob has been married for over 25 years to his lovely wife Shari, mother of their four children. He enjoys hiking near his home in Thousand Oaks.

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# Erin Ward-Dugan, Esq.

## Partner of Litigation Management, Long Beach

**Education**

Ms. Ward-Dugan received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of California, Irvine, in 2000. She received her Juris Doctor from Southwestern University School of Law, Los Angeles, in 2003.

**Background**

Mr. Ward-Dugan has been a member of the State Bar of California and United States District Court, Central District, since 2003.

She began her legal career as an adjuster for California's largest workers' compensation insurance carrier. In that position, she gained experience in litigation defense and developed valuable skills in claims management.

Erin then joined the country's largest workers' compensation defense firm. In that position, she represented a number of the firm's most prominent clients, including Fortune 100 companies. She was promoted to a partnership position within two years, and in 2013 was promoted once again to the position of Managing Partner of Consulting. In 2018, she was named one of "The Top 50 Attorneys in California" by *The Top 100 Magazine*.

In 2019, Mr. Ward-Dugan joined Dietz, Gilmore & Chazen's Long Beach office as Partner of Litigation Management with more than 15 years' experience in all areas of workers' compensation litigation and best practice management.



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**\*\*Note: Conference passes do not include the wine tasting event. Tickets may be purchased.\*\***

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# Attendee Registration

## Conference Only Registration

Members: Adjusters: \$0                      Attorneys/Other: \$20

Non-Members: Adjusters: \$0                      Attorneys/Other: \$40

## Conference with Wine Tasting/Networking Registration

Members: Adjusters: \$75                      Attorneys/Other: \$95

Non-Members: Adjusters: \$75                      Attorneys/Other: \$115

**\*\*Important: Wine tasting event registration must be received by May 10, 2024\*\***

**Batia Winery flyer with selections follows!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Shipping address will remain confidential.**  
Attendees will receive a **2024 PD Ratings and Benefit Schedule Book** and other gifts *courtesy of Dietz, Gilmor & Chazen.*

Conference Only:    Conference & Wine Tasting:

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An AWCP Board Committee specifically selected the following wines for the networking event!

## **Blanc Collection Selections**

### **2019 Marsanne**

Marsanne grapes are most commonly found in the Northern Rhone Region of France where it is believed to have originated, but El Dorado County's similar climate and soil provides ideal growing conditions for this varietal. The grape produces deeply colored wine that is rich and nutty with hints of spice and pear.

### **2017 Dos Blancos**

Medium to full bodied white wine with hints of lemon, citrus and pear. The richness of 77% Roussanne pairs with the aromatic complexity of 23% Viognier. Aged in Neutral oak and steel barrels.

### **2017 Melange Blanc**

Rhone-Style Varietals Grenache Blanc, Roussanne, and Marsanne have been blended to achieve the fruity floral aroma and wonderful minerality with complex blending of flavors. Hints of citrus, pear and honeysuckles assure a perfect pairing with Chilean Sea Bass, Salmon, Shellfish, Chicken, Pork and Veal.

## **Rouge Collection Selections**

### **2018 Grenache Rose**

Estate grown Grenache. Intense and rich in color with flavorful hints of ripe apple and strawberry with a slight sparkle that lends to the refreshing, short finish.

### **2016 Old Vine Zinfandel**

Rich and dark in color, bold and deep in flavor, this Zinfandel was harvested from 114-year-old vines. Grown and nurtured in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of the Sierra Foothills, Batia Vineyards is proud to present its' 2016 vintage of Old Vine Zinfandel. Beautiful aromas and exceptional flavors.

### **2017 Vino's Tinto - Petite Sirah**

Big, bold Sierra Foothills 2017 Petite Syrah. Full bodied with deep red berries up front and a spicy, smooth finish.

**À Votre Santé!**

