WILG is the national non-profit membership organization dedicated to representing the interests of millions of workers and their families who, each year, suffer the consequences of work-related injuries or occupational illnesses and who need expert legal assistance to obtain medical care and other relief under workers’ compensation programs. WILG is a network of like-minded advocates for workers’ rights, sharing information and knowledge, a sense of commitment and kinship, and networking to help each other and our clients.

From Your Firm’s Door & Across the Country

Local Reasons to Join A National Association

See why your colleagues have joined & renewed with WILG year after year!
The first question I asked when approached to join WILG and the first question I am invariably asked when I approach someone is “why should I join a national organization when workers’ compensation practice is so specific to my state?” It is usually followed by the observation that the person already “belongs” and supports other professional associations. The answer has become so very obvious to me as my association with WILG has developed and I have taken on a leadership position. The vitality, if not the survival of the system of workers’ compensation as we know it, will start in individual jurisdictions and move across state lines. One merely has to look at the wave of “deforms” that have pervaded our state systems for the past 20 years. WILG is able to offer vital resources to states faced with legislative or judicial initiatives that might be detrimental to our clients and to us as their attorneys.

The past two years alone have demonstrated how WILG and its membership played a major role in the continuing efforts to defeat the so-called “Opt Out” movement. WILG is an effective, national association that protects and advances the interests of employees injured on the job.

**Our strength is in our members.** Alan S. Pierce, WILG President, Massachusetts.

“Being a WILG member is important to any attorney or paralegal with a concentrated practice in workers’ compensation, and for any attorney with only a limited practice. WILG provides such attorney's or paralegal's with essential and exceptional resources of practice tips and procedures, a referral network, national and regional CLE opportunities, a national research network, and up-to-date access to state and national workers' comp issues affecting your practice. In short, WILG helps you become a more successful WC attorney. Further, if you are so inclined, as was my personal experience, it provides you an opportunity to become a state and/or national leader in workers’ compensation law and practice; thereby, making a significant contribution and difference in the lives of injured/disabled workers and their families. Finally, WILG provides you an opportunity to be part of a dynamic and committed group of individuals of like mind and spirit, which provides a personal, collegial experience few others will find in their professional endeavors.”  

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**For years I resisted joining any national organization because I did not think it would benefit my Alabama workers’ compensation practice. I was wrong. Joining WILG has been a great benefit to me, my practice and my clients because WILG’s membership is comprised of outstanding attorneys who are deeply passionate about helping injured workers.”**  

David Nomberg, Alabama.

**“I leave every WILG gathering invigorated because I’ve just been able to share, with my WILG friends, my zeal for helping everyday people make a living. Truly, there is nothing quite like it. I recommend it to every workers’ compensation lawyer out there.”**  

Paul McAndrew, Iowa.

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**“I joined WILG several years ago initially to make connections with other claimants attorneys. The greatest benefit to me has been the candid and invaluable discourse on the listserv. I have been able to get information on experts, insurers, employers and very helpful advice from experienced claimant’s lawyers on fact specific issues in my cases. Because WILG is a claimant representative only organization, the lawyers are more than willing to spend a great deal of time helping their colleagues who are working toward the same goal- justice for the injured worker.”**  

Margo Julius, South Dakota.

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Jay Causey, Washington.

**“The biggest benefit to WILG is that it serves as the “canary in the coal mine” for issues coming to my state. Without WILG, our state would not have been as prepared to fight off and respond to various comp “deform” efforts.”**  

Annemarie Pantazis, North Carolina.

**“The WILG listserv is an invaluable tool. The listserv allows me to keep abreast of the developments and trends in workers’ compensation across the nation. It gives me an insight into the problems that could be headed to my state and how others have tackled those issues.”**  

Michael Wallace, Kansas.

**“WILG gives me instant access to the strategies and tactics of the greatest Workers’ Compensation lawyers in the nation. WILG's research capabilities are without peers. It gives me all the support I need to put forth my very best case. The WILG listserv is an amazing lifeline that gives me support across the nation. Even after 40 years of practicing law, WILG still teaches me the most current issues for my practice.”**  

Gerald Rosenthal, Florida.
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“WILG is, hands down, the best professional group I have had the pleasure of joining. The positives are many, but most important to me has been the sharing of information with some of the best legal minds in the country. It also continually energizes me in what has become an evermore difficult fight against the forces arrayed against our injured workers.” Ken Wolfe, Illinois.

“WILG has been a major factor in Oklahoma comp lawyers successfully challenging Opt Out and draconian benefit reductions. WILG has provided resources from other states and high-level advice in shaping Supreme Court attacks. WILG leaders and members have visited Oklahoma and are part of our team to fight for injured workers' rights.” Bob Burke, Oklahoma.

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For anyone who practices workers’ compensation law, it is absolutely essential that you become a member of WILG. To do otherwise is foolish and perhaps suicidal. Here in Delaware we have had multiple battles in our state legislature over proposed changes in workers’ compensation law, almost all of them to the detriment of our clients – the claimants’. Each time we called upon WILG for help, they immediately responded. They provided research support, national statistical data, documentation of how such changes affected other states, and even had leadership travel to Delaware to assist us in preparing arguments against the changes in the law pushed by big business and the insurance industry. Thanks to WILG, each time we were able to hold the wolf from the door. If you treasure your practice and believe in helping workers, joining WILG is not leap of faith but a faithful commitment. There is absolute strength in numbers. Do it.” Ed Carter, Delaware.

The primary benefit I have had through my membership with WILG has been as a referring network with qualified out of state workers compensation attorneys.” Mary Morin, Minnesota.

“The strongest benefit of membership in WILG for me has been the ability to meet and get to know WC practitioners from other states. I have a built in referral network and people I can reach out for information on experts and opposing counsel.” George Santini, Wyoming.

WILG is instant access to smart, dedicated, creative lawyers helping each other analyze every aspect of workers’ compensation claims day in and day out—it is all you can ask for in an advocacy organization, and an all-around terrific community.

“WILG and the listserve help remind me that I am not fighting this daily battle for my clients alone. The camaraderie and support of other WILG members is inspiring and great for advice, information and training. I have been able to attend many of the yearly conventions and the speakers and teachers have kept me up to date and informed on important issues that affect our clients, such as handling settlements and MSA’s and dealing with conditional payments with CMS. I am truly inspired to be not only a be a better lawyer but a better person listening to speakers like WILG Convention speaker Mr. Jason Schechterle his life story and book, The Burning Shield.” Gregory Giles, Arkansas.

“WILG has improved my practice and the service provided to my clients by getting feedback from fellow members on doctors that my clients should or should not see, and by providing cross examination information on Defense Medical doctors.” Jonathan Beiser, Maryland.

“The strongest direct benefit I have received from WILG is the collaboration I have had the chance to participate in with other legal industry leaders across the country. I am very involved in my state association for justice, and consequently lobbying in favor of laws that benefit our citizens and against laws that would destroy our rights is a big part of what I do to help my community. My sophistication and ability to predict and react to storms that might be heading my state’s way has dramatically improved by being part of a group that is on the front lines and cutting edge to protect the clients I represent.” Rogen K. Chhabra, Mississippi.

“The briefs and helpful information I received on just one case helped me so much that this case changed laws, and more than covers dues for the next 10 years. Feedback and new ideas from members in other states is invaluable and is only one of the many reasons I renew my WILG membership every year.” Virginius “Jinks” Dabney, Utah.

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“Workers’ Compensation Lawyers in Hawaii are pretty isolated and need to know what is going on in the rest of the country, almost more so than anybody else. For example the recent victories in Pennsylvania and in Florida regarding attorneys fees, these victories are something that Hawaiian lawyers need to hear almost most of all because their fees are so low and it doesn’t have to be that way.” George Patrick, Indiana.

“Being a member of WILG is like being a part of a 1000 member law firm. The value of the listserv and networking opportunities alone far exceed the cost of membership.” Ricky Bagolie, New Jersey.

“The listserve is an ongoing workers’ compensation seminar on issues that affect our Nebraska practice.
WILG annual seminars are great and apply directly to Nebraska cases and practice.
Networking with WILG lawyers around the country is invaluable.
WILG members and resources have helped us successfully battle “reform” in our legislation since WILG was founded over 20 years ago.
All the lawyers in my firm belong and we get a positive return on the investment every year because WILG provides help and answers for our Nebraska practice day in and day out.
WILG feels like I belong to a 1,000 lawyer firm working to help my practice and my clients. WILG has many resources and many very able dedicated members. Try us for a year. You won’t regret it.” Rod Rehm, Nebraska.

“WILG provides CLE opportunities at great venues and online, as well as the lively discussions and sharing of ideas amongst workers’ compensation practitioners from all over the country.” Robert Audette, Rhode Island.

“WILG is the national organization for all attorneys whose goal it is to continue the fight for the rights of injured workers. States are continually and systematically cutting benefits and limiting the rights of injured workers. Here in Florida, we have recently won three constitutional challenges to our work comp laws and WILG was there by our side. WILG is in the forefront of every constitutional challenge across the country. WILG deserves our support and we need its continued help. Together we can do this!” Richard B. Berman, Florida.

“I have gained so much through WILG, especially through attending the WILG convention in Chicago and the WILG Longshore convention in New Orleans. I am a new attorney with my own firm, so I am grateful for the vast knowledge and insight into my chosen area of law that the WILG attorneys provide and are willing to share. The Longshore section’s monthly calls have been very useful, as well. I find other attorneys in WILG always willing to help. The support from my WILG colleagues really bolsters what I provide to my clients as I know that if (when) I run into issues and questions, an answer is often just a phone call or email away. I am less hesitant to take on challenging cases for people who really need the help as I can rely on the support of my colleagues… a huge blessing for a sole practitioner.” Alana Simmons, Oregon.