



Bill Long and Christine Jewitt Speak on Minor Impact Cases and the use of Biomechanical Experts

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Litigation from the Claims Perspective: Minor Impact Soft Tissue Cases (MIST) and the use of Biomechanical Experts

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On August 24, 2009 Bill Long and Christine Jewitt spoke at the Long Firm, LLP's biennial presentation to the Laidlaw International Claims Department and presented the topic "Litigation From The Claims Perspective: Minor Impact Soft Tissue Cases "MIST" And The Use Of Biomechanical Experts". In his presentation Mr. Long discussed the unsettled state of the law in New York and the inconsistent acceptance of biomechanical testimony when utilized to question the whether a particular accident could have caused a specific injury. The topic provided an overview of the science of biomechanics, the nature of the conclusions which this science allows an expert in the field to offer an opinion on, and the foundational support needed to support such evidence. The discussion provided the participating claims professionals the framework of a cost/benefit analysis concerning the decision whether to utilize the biomechanical expert in the earliest stages of the investigation of low impact accidents to insure the gathering of key foundational evidence.