Worker's Compensation Administrative and Appeal Levels

(Note: This chart does not constitute legal advice. It represents only the most common pattern of workers' compensation appeals. It is for illustrative purposes only.)

Level #1: The Insurer

Determination Level

You receive a written determination from your workers' compensation insurer that you disagree with. If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of the insurer's determination you should APPEAL to the Hearings Division.

Level #2: The Hearing Officer Level

You appear in an informal hearing with a Hearing Officer to explain why you disagree with the insurer's determination regarding your workers' compensation claim. The meeting lasts about 30 minutes with each side having 10 to 15 minutes to present their position. Many people represent themselves at this level.

The Hearing Officer will issue a written decision about your claim, and send it to you in the mail. If you disagree with that decision you should APPEAL to an Appeals Officer.



Level #3: The Appeals
Officer Level

The hearing before the Appeals Officer is important to your claim. You may ask for an NAIW attorney to represent you at this level if approved. There is no fee. The written decision of the Hearing Officer will include a form. On that form there is a section you can use to ask that an NAIW attorney represent you at the hearing before the Appeals Officer.

The Appeals Officer will issue a final decision. You may appeal further and be represented by an NAIW attorney if appropriate.

District Court

Appeal

Nevada Supreme Court