

**Personal Injury Conference**  
**In collaboration with the RATZAN LAW GROUP**  
**Thursday May 14 2015, Miami, Florida**

- 8.00 Registration and refreshments
- 8.30 Chair's Introduction  
**Stuart Ratzan, Ratzan Law Group LLP**
- 09.00 **Traumatic Brain Injury**  
**Dr David Silvers, Board Certified in Neurology, Electrodiagnostic Medicine/EMG and is a Diplomate in Neuromuscular Medicine, Gardens Neurology, Palm Beach Gardens**
- Leading causes of traumatic brain injury
  - How brain damage occurs in traumatic brain injury
  - Guidelines - early management of patients with a head injury
  - Transfer of brain injured patients to neurosurgical centers
  - GCS – six injuries to achieve GCS 3
  - Head injury progress
  - Common problems after brain injury – physical, cognitive, executive functioning, affective/behavioral, psychosocial
- 09.45 **Brain & Spinal injury rehabilitation**  
**Dr John Merritt, Professor of Department of Medicine and Neurology, Morsani College of Medicine, University of South Florida**
- Acquired brain injury – traumatic brain injury, hemorrhagic brain injury, vascular brain injury, anoxic and metabolic brain injury and infective brain injury
  - Cognitive and physical evaluation
  - What is brain damage? Post concussional syndrome
  - Rehabilitation challenges – post concussion, SAH (subarachnoid hemorrhage, anoxic – post cardiac resucs, infective – encephalitis, prolonged disorder of consciousness, challenging behavior, neuropsychiatric
  - What can comprehensive interdisciplinary rehabilitation do?
  - How do you know you have a comprehensive TBI report?
  - Life expectancy from 1 year after TBI
- 10.45 Refreshments

- 11.15 Legislative and case law update – **Skip Pita, Pita & Del Prado**
- 12.00 **Spinal Cord Injury**  
**John Schneider MD, Neuro-Spine Center of Excellence & University of Utah Hospitals**
- Epidemiology of spinal cord injury
  - Risk factors
  - Pathophysiology
  - Sites of pathology
  - Emergency Department – assessment and management of injury
  - Protocols
  - Classifications – complete SCI or incomplete SCI; Aetiology and level
  - Manifestations of injury and treatment
- 12.45 Lunch
- 13.45 **Psychological sequelae following personal injury**  
**Douglas Johnson-Greene PhD, Psychologist, University of Miami**
- **Psychological injuries** – emotional reaction to event and or injury
  - Conditions - who should assess, how to access,
  - Cost bearing implications
  - Points regarding instructions of experts
  - **Neuropsychological injuries**
  - Cognitive impairments - who should assess, how to access
  - Emotional behavioral impairments – who should assess, how to assess
  - Loss of capacity – who should assess
  - Cost implications
  - Points regarding instruction of experts
- 14.45 **Legislative and case law updates – Stephen Cain, Stewart Tilghman Fox Bianchi & Cain PA**
- 15.45 Refreshments
- 16.10 **Personal injuries after musculoskeletal trauma**  
**Speaker – Orthopaedic Surgeon TBC**
- Back and neck pain
  - Whiplash injuries

- Prolapsed (slipped) discs
- Fractures – spinal fractures, proximal humeral fractures, distal radial fractures and joint replacements
- Soft tissue injury

**Networking and drinks followed by:-**

**17.15 Panel discussion of hot topics in medical malpractice  
Attendees invited to ask questions, offer their own experiences and join  
in the discussion**

Panel: - Mr Stuart Ratzan, Ratzan Law Group LLP, Skip Pita, Pita & Del Prado, Stephen Cain, Stewart Tilghman Fox Bianchi & Cain PA, Herman Russomanno, Russomanno & Borrello PA