

PREFACE

The *LONGSHORE NEWSLETTER PROCEDURE MANUAL* is the culmination of many years of work in the field of workers' compensation. As an OWCP Claims Examiner, Bob Brahm was appalled by the lack of information available to insurance and legal practitioners. This was made apparent by the constant deluge of telephone calls seeking answers to questions that should have been explained in printed matter. Strange as it may seem, the practitioners with whom he dealt were quite knowledgeable about the Longshore Act itself, but were at a loss as to practices and procedures. It doesn't take too much experience with a bureaucracy to learn that it is often more important to know where and when than to understand the what. The Longshore Institute was created in 1996 to continue Bob Brahm's pioneering and important work. Headed by Thomas C. Fitzhugh III and John C. Elliott, experienced maritime attorneys with 50 years of longshore practice and experience, the Longshore Institute will expand and continue informative services to the Longshore community.

Mr. Brahm's first attempt to alleviate confusion was the *LONGSHORE NEWSLETTER*. It has been well received and will continue to be the authoritative source for those who need a digest of the latest case law, a chronicle of the most recent legislative and administrative efforts to amend the statute and the procedures, an exhaustive examination of given subjects and information on the important happenings in the world of Longshore. For the day-to-day claims, the *LONGSHORE NEWSLETTER PROCEDURE MANUAL* will be the publication each of you will want as it details practices and procedures. The need to know who files what, where, and when or what happens when one fails to file a form on time with the right party is the measure of value in this publication. With both publications, practitioners can rest assured that they have the best available means to handle Longshore claims, and keep their finger on the pulse of legislative and judicial change.

An important adjunct to the *LONGSHORE NEWSLETTER PROCEDURE MANUAL* is the update service. Perhaps the word update is not an adequate adjective since it is the intention of the authors to expand this manual until each section has the relevant case law to support that section. Thus, perhaps we should call the service an update and enhancement service. Each update will contain the latest changes plus the augmentation of a chapter with the cogent case law. The sum total will be a living publication that grows stronger as it matures.

The third indispensable tool for serious practitioners is *BRAHM'S COURT INDEX*, a detailed and complete collection of all reported Longshore opinions organized by easy-to-use topical headings keyed directly to relevant sections of the Act. Separate claimant, subject matter and case name indices guide the practitioner immediately to helpful cases to assist in evaluating and handling Longshore claims.

The Longshore Institute welcomes your comments and suggestions for improvement. We hope that the changes you will see manifest with each update will be as valuable to you.

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