



**Madalene Witterholt  
Bill Sparks**

**“The New Workers’ Comp Act-Practical Advice for Practical People”**

Tuesday May 8th, 2012  
8:30am-10:00am  
Doubletree-Downtown  
616 W. Seventh Street  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74127

Please fax RSVP to: Tulsa Area Employer Council 918.796.1313 or email to [ronald.julian@oesc.state.ok.us](mailto:ronald.julian@oesc.state.ok.us) or [kennetha.ray@oesc.state.ok.us](mailto:kennetha.ray@oesc.state.ok.us)

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**Our May 8th, 2012 meeting will feature Madalene Witterholt, Attny. with Crowe and Dunlevy Law Firm, and Bill Sparks, Eaton and Sparks Law Firm, who will present:**

**“The New Workers’ Comp Act-Practical Advice for Practical People”**

**This seminar will be a synopsis of the recent changes to the workers compensations laws and the impact they will have on employment practices. Miss Witterholt will present the management perspective and Mr. Sparks will present the employee perspective. Find out what employee attorneys are looking for to improve their claims and what you can do to minimize your risks.**

**Mr. Sparks, a former HR professional turned employee attorney has a useful insight in to the "other side" of a case. Miss Witterholt will suggest ways to best manage the injured workers employment issues.**

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Madalene A. B. Witterholt serves as a director for Crowe & Dunlevy. Deciding to practice the law where she learned it, this distinguished alum from the University of Tulsa (B.A. 1980; J.D.

1983) serves in the corporation's Tulsa offices, specializing in labor and employment, litigation and trial, and worker's compensation law. Before working for Crowe & Dunlevy, Ms. Witterholt worked as a law clerk to the Honorable James O. Ellison, judge of the U.S. District Court, Northern District.

Ms. Witterholt puts her specialized knowledge to use outside of practice, co-authoring a published work in The Oklahoma Bar Journal on disability, and having taught on topics relating to employment law for Lorman, a continuing education service. She is also a member of the American Bar Association (Labor and Employment Law Section) and served as chairperson for the Oklahoma Bar Association under the same category in 1996.

W. E. (Bill) Sparks graduated Oklahoma City University, Bachelor of Science in 1978, and graduated from The University of Tulsa College of Law in 1982. From 1982 to 1983, Bill was a prosecutor in Oklahoma County District Attorney's Office, and from 1984 to present, has represented injured workers in Oklahoma.

Bill holds a license to practice law in Oklahoma and Texas. He is admitted to all the Oklahoma Federal Districts, as well as the Northern and Southern Districts of Texas, Southern District of Iowa, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, as well as the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Courts of Appeals.

Bill has taught at The University of Tulsa College of Law, several chiropractic colleges around the U.S. and has lectured and spoken to various societies, various sections of The Oklahoma Bar Association, national and state organizations on workers' compensation, safety and various legal matters.

He is a partner in Eaton & Sparks in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he and Gary A. Eaton specialize in jury law.