

Workers' Comp to Hit the Big Time-On the Small Screen

I have often thought that, at times, Workers Comp is interesting and challenging. I even dreamed it to be comedic enough to support a TV show. Well, here it is. Eagerly anticipated and much talked about, "Workers Comp", a 30 minute comedy, is due to begin filming this month.

The premise of the show is a family owned insurance business and the sometimes outrageous Workers Comp claims that are handled by its whacky employees. As if that is not enough there is an internal struggle between mother and daughter for control. Sound familiar? Reports say that the female lead is based on a local Bradenton, Florida business woman and will be played by Morgan Fairchild. The pilot will be shot at the fictitious Pinnacle Workers' Compensation Insurance Company in Bradenton.

The actual company that the pilot is based on was a PEO and not an insurance company. With over two decades of experience handling Workers Comp Claims, this PEO became one of the most lucrative in the state. Two decades of claims should give the show's writers plenty of wild tales and tons of opportunities for laughs. The kooky cast will include members of the family who owned the PEO as well as Robert Caradine of "Revenge of the Nerds" fame.

It will be interesting to see how the day to day workings of Workers Compensation will be portrayed by these talented actors. Time will tell just how much poetic license it will take to satisfy the artistic vision of the writers. I have often equated the term outrageous with claims I've handled. Whacky, screwy, kooky, or zany, though, have never been on our Terms of the Day list.

Here's hoping the pilot is funny enough to be picked up. All of us who deal with Workers Compensation know claims can be challenging and, dare I say it, funny as well. Viewers may not realize that what they are watching is very close to the reality we face every day.

Will glory finally come to the Workers Comp Industry? Here's Hoping. Good luck to the cast and crew of "Workers Comp".