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The recent Alaska Supreme Court decision in *Bohlmann v. Alaska Const. & Engineering, Inc.*, 205 P.3d 316, Alaska, Apr 17, 2009, has required a change in the administration of workers' compensation claims by the Division of Workers' Compensation. Thus, beginning Monday, June 15, 2009 all prehearings will be held by a Board Hearing Officer.

All cases currently in litigation are being assigned to a Hearing Officer who will assume handling the claim or petition through hearing. Because the Fairbanks venue is currently operating without one hearing officer, this change will not take effect in Fairbanks until the vacant hearing officer position has been filled.

Prehearings that have already been scheduled, which conflict with an assigned Hearing Officer's calendar will be rescheduled and renoticed. Questions concerning established prehearings can be addressed to the following individuals.

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