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OSCAR's Judicial Section

Jan. 22, 2018 - The OSCAR Team (KDOL, Workers Compensation Division staff, WorkComp Strategies, Inc. consultant's and CapTech programmers) worked with the division's internal testers and external stakeholders/customers to test Track 7 within the Judicial Section. The OSCAR team and testers checked the track's programmed functionality to assure it's working properly. They also conducted regression testing to examine updates made to programming after a bug had been found. Regression testing assures reprogramming didn't cause any problems to the existing functionality. The process is then repeated.

Elements within the Judicial Section's Track 7 include hearing details pages, handling notices, uploading exhibits and transcripts, viewing motions and petitions and judge reassignment capability.

CapTech began the first of a five week programming phase to build forms, services and actions for the Judicial Section's Track 8. Functions within Track 8 include Appeals Board Judge's case assignments, filing for an appeal, appeals details/edit pages, appeals lookup, generating an appeal acknowledgment document, extracting documents related to an appeal, panel assignments, sealing documents, case history listings and Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) reassignments. It also includes motions and other pleadings, generating a Kansas Certificate of Service documents, subpoena requests/submissions, exporting documents to zip files, tool tip help notes, pending briefs and setting up brief dates and notifications within the OSCAR calendar functions.

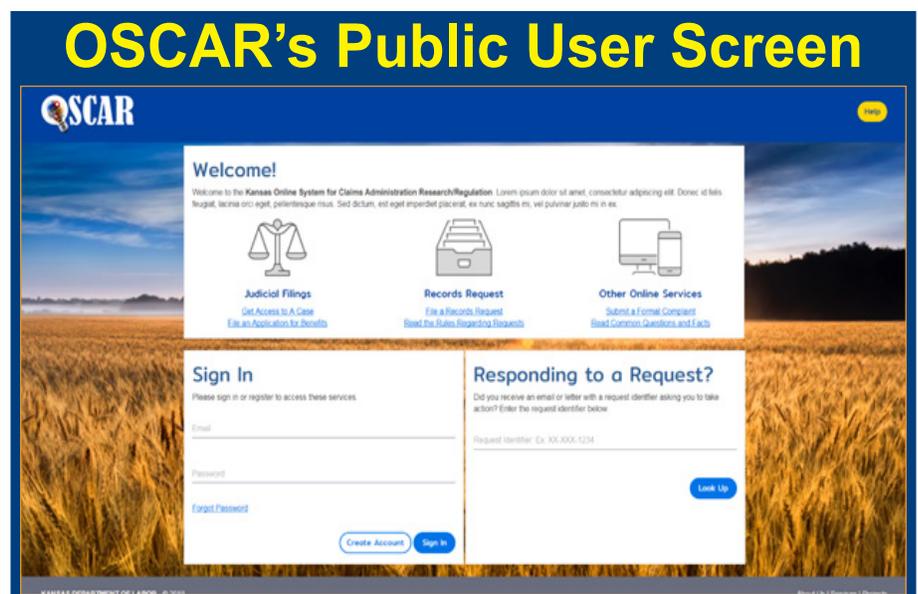
Jan. 29, 2018 - The OSCAR Team worked with division Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in Topeka to review the Judicial Section's Track 9 requirements. Details include election acceptance/rejection email, calendar event cancellations, medical providers, Employer Compliance Notice, employer add page (for insured employers) and a state agency details page.

Work to validate specific pieces of functionality on the Judicial Section's Track 7 was completed and approved. Track 8 development began its third week of a four week programming phase.

Feb. 5, 2018 - The Judicial Section's Track 8 programming has completed and Track 9 requirements were approved and will move to programming.

The Judicial Section's Track 10's paid loss and assessment requirements moved into the second week of a five week programming phase.

Feb. 12, 2018 - The OSCAR Team is planning a series of OSCAR outreach meetings intended to familiarize the public with the look and feel of the program including basic navigation and user log in pages. During the meetings the team will also gather information for future design use. Monitor the [OSCAR Web page](#) and future Work Comp Connection newsletter for details.



Work continued into the third week of a five week programming phase to build forms, services and actions for Track 10's paid loss and assessments.

Feb. 19, 2018 - The OSCAR Team worked with internal staff and external stakeholders/customers in Topeka Monday through Wednesday and then moved to Lenexa, Kansas on Friday to finish testing Track 8's programed functionality to assure it was working properly.

The OSCAR team, staff testers and stakeholders completed two scripts and 29 tests cases before retesting.

Scripts are written by programmers to be used by those testing so programmers can control some of the activities during testing. They ensure testers are testing the correct items in the correct sequence so programmers know they're comparing apples to apples as testing progresses.

Paralegal Jo Ellen Chance (Wallace Saunders) "likes the Notice of Intent/Supporting Medical Records that are required." She also thinks it's "nice to be able to type in part of the case number and it pulled up my cases (filtering).

Jo Ellen shared her happiness with OSCAR's "easy to use-simple layouts and self-populating features with ability to access all their attorney's cases without logging into different accounts." She ended by saying, "Wow - To all!"

Legal Assistant Carrie Borgman (Wallace & Kolich, LLC) said she "cant wait to access (OSCAR) to post documents." Carrie shared she's very happy she will have access to additional cases such as claims numbers and absentee information.

Feb. 26, 2018 - Regression testing examines programming updates made when bugs are found during testing and when new tracks are implemented. Testers actually go back to the first track and test all functionality through to the current track. The process assures reprogramming didn't cause any problems to the overall functionality. Testing is then repeated for each track.

CapTech continued into the second week of a four week programming phase creating calendar event cancellation, a details page for medical providers, the Employer Compliance Notice, an employer add page (for insured employers), a state agency details page and hearing stipulations within the Judicial Section's Track 9.

The CapTech Business Analysts completed requirements gathering for Track 10's paid loss and assessments.

The OSCAR Team will work out of Topeka during the week beginning March 5.

We welcome any questions or input, which can be sent to KDOL.OSCAR@ks.gov.



Pictured above: Jo Ellen Chance, Paralegal (Wallace Saunders).



Pictured below: Carrie Borgman, Legal Assistant (Wallace & Kolich, LLC).



Pictured above: Angie Konda (Frieden, Unrein & Forbes, LLP) and OSCAR Consultant Matt Bryant.



Speaking for Lorax

Lorax, known as the back scanning project named after the Dr. Seuss children's book titled, *The Lorax* which chronicles the plight of the environment and features a character called the Lorax who, *speaks for the trees*. Scanned documents will be uploaded to OSCAR.

Jan. 22, 2017 - The Quality Assurance process is continuing. Docket prep will begin in the next few weeks on dockets that have been requested from storage in the past two years. Lorax is also working with a new software company called Iron Mountain.

Review of Kansas Workers Compensation Requirements

Explanations and information can be found in the following materials listed on the Forms and Publications Web page:

[K-WC 25 & K-WC 250](#) - Workers Compensation Information for Kansas Employers and Employees - in English and Spanish, both describe the purpose of the law, elections, employers' responsibilities, the categories of disability benefits, how rates are determined, how to obtain insurance, conditions that affect benefits, guidelines for medical treatments, ombudsman, mediation services and more.

[K-WC 27-A & K-WC 270-A](#) - Important Information for Injured Employees - in English and Spanish, both apply only to injuries on or after April 25, 2013.

[K-WC 40-A Posting Notice](#) - Workers Compensation Rights and Responsibilities - applies only to injuries on or after April 25, 2013.



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