



## Dispatches From the ABA OSHA Midwinter Committee Meetings - OSHA Updates

Insights

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The annual ABA Midwinter OSHA Committee Meeting always provides insight into where OSHA, MSHA, the DOL Solicitors and other agencies will be heading. As a frequent speaker and longtime member of this group, I'll tweet updates throughout this week's sessions, including the Asst. Secretary of Labor for OSHA and others.

Earlier today, Tom Galassi, OSHA Director, Directorate of Enforcement, followed Susan Harthill, Deputy Solicitor of Labor and Ann Rosenthal, Associate Solicitor of labor for Occupational Safety and Health. We reviewed OSHA statistics, which included a slight decline in inspections largely due to OSHA's limited resources. We talked about where OSHA is targeting these resources, the effect of the new self-reporting requirements for amputations, single hospitalizations and eye loss. Much is still the same. Construction accounted for about 2/3 of citations and membership in the Severe Violators Enforcement Program. OSHA's request for a "Root Cause Analysis" following a report of amputation, single hospitalization and eye loss promoted spirited discussion. OSHA continues to wrestle with how to implement the Reporting rule and follow up, and the "Rapid Response Inspection" process is a work in progress.

Tom Galassi [1h 1 hour ago](#)

OSHA NEP inspections accounted for 8% of inspections last year. [#ABAOSHAConference](#)

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Eric Frummin-Change to Win-Fed OSHA should not mishandle inspections of serious injuries like Cal-OSHA, which overwhelms. [ABAOSHAConference](#)

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OSHA is monitoring 9 active Corporate wide Settlement Agreements. Looking at a Corporate wide

Settlement Agreement "light." ABA/OSHA Conference OSHA plans to reissue/adjust targeting on nursing home NEP (national emphasis program) inspections. No more ODI data.

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Tom Galassi-OSHA Dir Enforcement said inspected 35% of reports under new rule; 45% go to OSHA Rapid Response Inspection. [#ABAISHAConference](#)

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OSHA received over 2400 employer self reports since 1/2015 reporting rule-how will OSHA take on so many new inspections? [#ABAOSHAConference](#)

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ABA OSHA Section honors past Management Co-chair Eric Hobbs- well deserved!

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