

ARIZONA COVID-19 UPDATES

For clients handling COVID exposure allegations in Arizona, the *Crawford* and *Treadway* cases hold that in order for a disease to be compensable as arising out of and in the course of employment, there must be a causal connection with the employment, and not a mere coincidental connection, and there must be a clearly established facet of special exposure in excess of that of the “commonalty.” These COVID-19 claims are being handled like other infectious disease claims in AZ.

Additionally the ICA is conducting hearings telephonically for now, and we are doing our best to make sure depositions are still conducted on schedule telephonically. As for IME’s, we encourage adjusters to call individual doctors on their pro se claims to make sure the doctor is actually conducting IME’s at this time.