



# Nevada Workers' Compensation Law Blog

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## Vocational Rehabilitation- My Visit to LV-PITA

This week I visited the Las Vegas Professional Institute of Technology & Accounting (LV-PITA) to get a first-hand impression of the school's retraining programs, to pop in on a few classes, meet some instructors, and to meet director Laurie Clemens. I like to personally acquaint myself with the doctors, vocational counselors, nurse case managers, and even the adjusters who will be major players on my clients' claims. LV-PITA was provisionally licensed last June and expects its permanent accreditation from the state after its first year in operation. The school is located in the Fountain View Business Park at Decatur, near Rochelle.

Programs offered include accounting, basic computer training, networking, various network technologies, PC repair, and software applications used by office management staff and computer software specialists. Click [on this link](#) for more information on certification programs and course specifics.

Laurie Clemens is an attractive, vivacious blonde who exudes positive energy. I will give you her official bio later. About half of her 170 enrolled students are injured workers participating in retraining programs paid by industrial insurers. The other students are mostly older individuals who are referred by various other state and federal agencies that provide funds for vocational retraining. LV-PITA also generously provides free computer and job search classes by appointment every other Tuesday for all unemployed Las Vegans.

I was particularly impressed that LV-PITA was working on retraining programs suitable for Hispanics who need help learning in Spanish before using more difficult materials in English. The school also teaches the visually impaired, and has experimented and found the best method to teach those individuals who require a one-handed key board. One of my former clients with a severe hand injury and permanent impairment was very satisfied with the quality of instruction he received from the school.

Laurie is a native Las Vegan with many ties to the business community. Having those long-standing connections gives her a tremendous advantage when placing students in internships and when helping graduating students with job placement in these difficult economic times. Stay tuned for more information about LV-PITA and other schools I intend to visit myself.

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