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Called Crawford. MaryLee O'Brien says new adjuster is Chris Matthews

Says claim not yet scheduled for hearing. Claim is still in the discovery stage & they have retained the services of attorney Richard Hughes of Douglas & Hughes law firm (207) 774-1486

Spoke to Richard Hughes. Says our IME supports Ill. claim of exposure and expects claim will be recognized by Maine BWC. Other issues involve indemnity payments. Atty advises the Ill is currently operating his own farm. This is an issue since if claim is allowed Ill will be entitled to wage loss benefits. But the problem is how to include the earnings of the farming business to reduce our IND exposure. Reportedly the Ill is losing money due to the heavy initial capitalization of the business. However we may be able to overcome this specific issue by estimating hypothetical earnings capacity.

She'll let us know outcome of matter & results of hearing

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