

Disability Law Forum 2019

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Program Producer: Chris George, *George & George*

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The TBA Disability Law Section is offering a stacked program for its annual forum, with a diverse lineup of speakers and topics including Kim Joseph of the Tennessee Disability Determination Services. She is presenting a session focused on effective representation at DDS and will provide attendees with a much-needed Q&A period to ask those challenging questions. The section's chair-elect John Dreiser of Farmer & Dreiser will present a session on LTD/STD for SSD practitioners. Additionally, the section's chair Chris George of George & George will cover an hour of ethics, including how to handle ethical dilemmas and more. The day will end with Administrative Law Judge Robert Martin from the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review who will share his unique perspective as a former private attorney and current judge.

8:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.



Registration/Welcome

9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Hypothetical Question Roundtable – Practical Tips for Dealing with Vocational Experts

John Dreiser, *The Law Offices of Tony Farmer & John Dreiser*

Emma Drozdowski Webb, *Miller & Drozdowski, P.C.*

Philip Burnett, *Bean, Smith & Burnett*

Russell Overby, *Legal Aid Society*

Moderator: Chris George, *George & George*

10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Effective Representation at DDS

This session will focus on how to receive effective representation at DDS. In addition to reviewing the responsibilities of DDS representatives, attendees will hear about recent and anticipated policy changes, the impact of those changes and documentation requirements. There will be a Q&A following the presentation.

Kim Joseph, Operations Manager, *Disability Determination Services*

11 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.



Break

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

LTD/STD Primer for SSD Practitioners

This session will cover the differences between ERISA disability claims versus private disability claims. Additionally, learn the basics of procedures and how the disability plans interplay with SSD.

John Dreiser, *The Law Offices of Tony Farmer & John Dreiser*

12:15 p.m. – 1 p.m.



Lunch (provided)

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

DUAL

How to Handle Ethical Dilemmas and More

Social Security Disability cases often have overt and subtle ethical issues. This session will explore those issues and help practitioners avoid ethical pitfalls.

Chris George, *George & George*

2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

A View from the Bench

Hon. Robert Martin, *Office of Disability Adjudication and Review*