

AGENDA



Disability Law Forum

A Virtual CLE Event

August 21, 2020

Program Producer: John Dreiser, The Law Offices of Tony Farmer & John Dreiser

Total Credits: 2 General 3 Dual

The Disability Law Forum has gone virtual for 2020! Held on Aug. 21, this online program will offer attendees 3 dual and 2 general hours of CLE credit. It will cover a variety of topics applicable to disability law practitioners, including ethical issues, legal technology and law office management tips. Additionally, vocational consultant Michelle McBroom Weiss will present a session on effective cross examination, transferrable skills analysis and more. Judge H. Scott Williams's session will provide a closer look at the social security disability hearing process.

9 - 10 a.m. CT

1 General

Hot Topics in Social Security Vocational Expert Testimony

The presentation will highlight potential concerns that may be addressed in cross examination, and the following questions will be briefly addressed:

- *What are the current vocational expert qualifications for Social Security?*
- *How does a vocational expert evaluate transferable skills?*
- *How do they derive job numbers, and why is there such a wide difference?*
- *Will the Occupational Resources Survey replace the Dictionary of Occupational Titles; what value does it provide?*
- *What are the labor force trends with the current Covid-19 virus and economic impact?*

Michelle McBroom Weiss, Vocational Consultant

10 - 10:45 a.m. CT

.75 Dual

Leveraging Technology

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Mike Doane, Program Manager, Atlasware by Assure

Chris Davis, Atlasware by Assure

Chris Knapp, Atlasware by Assure

Beth Losure, Atlasware by Assure

10:45 - 11:30 a.m. CT

.75 Dual

Law Office Tech & Management: Tips & Tricks

Managing a law practice is no easy task. This session will go back to the basics and discuss essential law practice technology needed to run an efficient office in 2020. Tips and tricks for managing a law office will also be discussed.

Chris George, George & George

11:30 - 11:45 a.m. CT

Break

11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. CT **The Nuts and Bolts of a Social Security Practice**

1.5 Dual

This presentation focuses on how to set up and run a Social Security practice in an efficient and ethical manner. It discusses different possible models for a Social Security firm, including a boutique attorney driven model and a case manager model. We provide implementable suggestions for how to most efficiently utilize staff and technology. We talk about ideas for marketing and obtaining referrals and leads for new clients. Finally, we cover the ethical obligations for attorneys in a Social Security practice utilizing the ABA model rules. Ethical considerations covered including attorney supervision, marketing, advertising, and withdrawals. This presentation also includes sample documents and a discussion of how to use them in practice to help clients develop disability claims.

John Dreiser, The Law Offices of Tony Farmer & John Dreiser
Emma Drozdowski Webb, Drozdowski & Rabin, PLC

1:15 - 2:15 p.m. CT

A View from the Bench: A Look Inside the Social Security Disability Hearing Process

1 General

Commentary from a 31-year veteran ALJ at the SSA

Hon. H. Scott Williams