

## **Disability Law Forum 2016**

May 20, 2016 – Nashville

**Program Description**: This program will address issues regarding effective and ethical representation before the Social Security Administration, as well as other issues that tangential to social security disability cases. This is also vital to lawyers who represent developers, Owners and bankers. This jam packed, full-day program will provide 5.5 CLE hours, *including 1.5 hours of ethics credit.* **Breakfast will be provided**.

Program Producer: Chris George, George & George

## Agenda

8:30 – 8:55 a.m. **Registration/Breakfast/Welcome** 

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. A Point of View from the District Office

**Josh Horn,** District Manager, Nashville Field Office,

Social Security Administration

Amanda Slusher, Claims Representative, Social Security

Administration

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Initial Client Consultations & Case Evaluation

Despite a natural tendency to aspire to help all those in need, we cannot effectively represent every prospective client that walks into the office; consequently, a systematic approach to client selection and retention is essential to ensure your clients receive effective representation.

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11:00 – 11:15 a.m. **BREAK** 

11:15 – 12:15 p.m. **Community Roundtable** 

A panel discussion with representatives from a few social services agencies that provide services to vulnerable populations including people experiencing homelessness, people living with food insecurity, and working people who are uninsured. Panelists will discuss services available to said populations including SOAR, a fast-track model of helping people navigate the disability system.

Shelley Ames, Salvus Center Kim Molnar, Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee Cayla Wilson, Park Center

12:15 – 1:00 p.m.

LUNCH (Lunch on Your Own)

1:15 - 2:15 p.m.

## **ADA Accessibility and Effective Communication**

This session segment will provide a primer of the obligations of an attorney to clients with disabilities according to Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADAA). Best practices for the accommodation of persons that have common disabilities will be provided. In addition, some general accessibility guidelines and effective communication techniques will be discussed in an effort to make your practice more inclusive.

**D'Andrea Evans,** HCA Healthcare **Donna Simpson,** Law Office of Donna Simpson

2:15 - 3:45 p.m.

**Ethics Roundtable** 

**Hon. Brian Lucas,** Social Security Administration **Laura Chastain,** Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility

Credit hours: 4 general, 1.5 Dual