



VA Benefits 101 Training

Live and via Webinar

May 15, 2018, 1:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m. Eastern

Holland & Knight, 800 17th St NW, Washington, D.C. 20006

This free program will prepare attorney attendees to assist with the development of VA benefits claims for veterans. During the three-hour training, speakers will address topics including how to navigate the VA structure, the elements to establish a claim, supporting claims through medical evidence, and strategies to best advocate for the veteran client. Attorneys will leave with the practical knowledge, specific skills, and cultural competency necessary to effectively represent veterans in presenting their claims to the VA.

Speakers:

Rick Spataro, *Director of Training and Publications, National Veterans Legal Services Program, D.C.*

Bart Stitchman, *Joint Executive Director, National Veterans Legal Services Program, D.C.*

Daniel Sylvester, *Associate, Veterans Group National Director, Holland & Knight LLP, Chicago, IL*

Jenny Tang, *Appellate Litigation Attorney, Bergmann and Moore, LLC, D.C.*

Jason T. Vail, *Chief Counsel, Division for Legal Services, American Bar Association, Chicago, IL*

Bernadette Valdellon, *Staff Attorney, National Veterans Legal Services Program, D.C.*

This program will qualify for VA attorney accreditation. Attorneys in the Washington, D.C. area may attend the program live at Holland & Knight, but attorneys located anywhere may attend via webinar. To see the full program information visit www.ABAVCAN.org or [REGISTER HERE](#).

VA Accreditation and CLE Information: After receiving your initial accreditation from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), you must complete continuing legal education (CLE) within the required timeline as a condition of initial accreditation. Find further information on http://www.va.gov/ogc/accred_faqs.asp.

This program meets requirements under 38 CFR 14.629(b)(iii) for the three hours of CLE for qualifying VA accreditation. This program will also satisfy the training and requirements for attorneys wishing to volunteer for the ABA Veterans Claims Assistance Network (VCAN). The ABA has applied for 3.0 hours of MCLE credit for the live program and the webinar (see below for more details).

For more information, visit www.ABAVCAN.org or contact Holly L. Christian, Director of Veterans Legal Services Initiative, American Bar Association, at Holly.Christian@AmericanBar.org.

CLE CREDIT: The ABA directly applies for and ordinarily receives CLE credit for ABA programs in AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, GA, GU, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, ME, MN, MS, MO, MP, MT, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, VI, WA, WI, and WV. These states sometimes do not approve a program for credit before the program occurs. This course is expected to qualify for 3.0 CLE credit hours in 60-minute states, and 3.6 credit hours in 50-minute states. This transitional program is approved for both newly admitted and experienced attorneys in NY. Attorneys may be eligible to receive CLE credit through reciprocity or attorney self-submission in other states. For more information about CLE accreditation in your state, visit http://www.americanbar.org/publications/cle/mandatory_cle.html, or contact Marcia Yarbrough at 312-988-5763 for assistance. Please contact Jason Vail at Jason.Vail@americanbar.org for scholarship information.

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