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Friday, May 18, 2018
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SUMMARY: With nearly 200,000 servicemembers separating from active duty military service each year, filing or appealing a claim for Veterans Affairs (VA) disability or compensation can be challenging without essential knowledge obtained through a VA accreditation course. This CLE program provides education and training to attorneys who desire to assist in the preparation, presentation and prosecution of a claim for VA benefits. It covers subjects mandated by 38 C.F.R. Section 14.629(b)(iii) for attorney accreditation, including representation before VA, claims procedures, basic eligibility for VA benefits, right to appeal, disability compensation (38 U.S.C. Chapter 11), dependency and indemnity compensation (38 U.S.C. Chapter 13), and pension (38 U.S.C. Chapter 15).
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Program Agenda

Friday, May 18, 2018, 8:15a–4:30p

8:15a  Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:55  Welcome and Introductions

9:00  Part I: Eligibility, Procedures, Appeals and Representation Before the VA
    Timothy E. “Tim” Wipperman
    This presentation meets part of the requisite topics required by 38 C.F.R. Section 14.629(b)(iii) for accreditation. The presenter discusses basic eligibility for VA benefits and representation before the VA. It also covers an overview of claims procedures, disability compensation and the right to appeal a VA determination.

10:30  Break

10:45  Part II: Available Compensation and Benefits, VA Health Administration, and National Cemetery Administration
    Mary M. Markovich
    This presentation meets the remaining topics required for accreditation by 38 C.F.R. Section 14.629(b)(iii). The presenter examines the different types of compensation that may be available to veterans based on whether their disability is service-connected or non-service-connected. Building onto the foundation created by the first presentation, this portion of the program covers the different types of compensation available, including dependency and indemnity compensation, VA Health Administration, National Cemetery Administration and the special monthly pension.

12:15p  Networking Lunch

1:15  Advanced VA Benefits Topics
    Matthew I. Wilcut
    The “Advanced Topics” presentation covers in-detail the differences among pre-2015, 2015–2018, and 2019+ claims procedures as modified by various pieces of legislation and agency regulations.

3:15  Break

3:30  Advanced VA Benefits Topics (continued)
    Matthew I. Wilcut
    During the second half of the “Advanced Topics” presentation, information on electronic access to the claims file and VHA medical records is provided. Finally, guidance on uncovering and succeeding in rare but valuable claims like Clear and Unmistakable Error (CUE) is shared.

4:30  Adjourn
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