

## **AGENDA**

### **FEDERAL VETERANS' BENEFITS LAW: AN INTRODUCTORY SEMINAR**

#### **DAY 1**

- Welcome and Introductions (10 min.)
- Overview of the VA System (20 min.)
- Requirements of a VA Disability Compensation Claim (35 min.)
- How the VA Rates Disabilities (20 min.)
- Special Challenges of PTSD and Mental Health Claims (20 min.)
- Responding to Denial of a Claim (30 min.)
- Non-Service Connected Pensions (15 min.)
- Survivor and Special Benefits (20 min.)
- Q & A (10 min.)

#### **DAY 2**

- Gathering Evidence to Support a Claim (30 min.)
- Presumptive and Secondary Disabilities (30 min.)
- Common Reasons Claims are Denied and What You Can Do About Them (30 min.)
- Reviewing and Organizing the Claims File (30 min.)
- Regulation Changes and Certification of Attorneys (20 min.)
- Advocacy Tips and Resources (20 min.)
- Final Questions and Answers and Conclude (20 min.)

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