

Supportive Documentation for the VA CLE Course

“Veterans Law & Claims Procedures for Maintaining VA Accreditation”

A. Description of the Course

- **Total training seat time of 3.02 hours. Video instruction** includes the following
 - Instructions – Submitting Course Completion to VA (7:54 minutes)
 - Module 1 – Representation before VA (15:24 minutes)
 - Module 2 – Disability Compensation and How to Apply (59:46 minutes)
 - Module 3 – DIC and How to Apply (19:25 minutes)
 - Module 4 – Understanding VA Pension, Survivor Pension and How to Apply (47:23 minutes)
 - Module 5 – The Modernized Review System (39:31 minutes)
- Over **120 narrated slides** on flash drive and online video, presented in 6 videos/modules
- A 506-page **handbook** entitled “How to Apply for Department for Veterans Affairs Benefits for Veterans and Their Survivors.”
- A **Claims Support Flash Drive** with over 240 claim forms, support forms, reports, questionnaires and adjudication instructions for completing several types of disability claims (about 30).
- A **Certificate of Completion** received only upon participant submission of all correct multiple training code numbers embedded in the flash drive and online presentation. This is to verify the participant has viewed the presentation in its entirety.

B. Description of the Method of Presentation

1. This training is designed as a college-course lecture which is used as an introduction to the textbook
2. The textbook – the engine driving this college level course – is the most complete and up-to-date instruction manual/handbook currently available for all types of veterans disability claims and is based on the new fully developed claim process from VA
3. The lecture is specifically designed to promote a learning experience and is not a video of a training conference with talking heads speaking extemporaneously
 - a. The lecture is based on a carefully scripted, interactive audiovisual presentation
 - b. The lecture is rich in information and visual support
 - c. The lecture references specific portions of the 506-page textbook provided with the course
 - d. The lecture instructs on the specific use of the accompanying flash drive disk with over 240 forms and documents
4. The lecture introduces through 3.02 hours of audiovisual presentation, over 300 carefully scripted learning concepts referring to the following areas of veterans benefits as found in the textbook/handbook and other supplementary information furnished with the course
 - applicable federal code
 - applicable federal rules
 - definitions
 - general adjudication procedures

- qualification requirements
- application instructions for over 30 different types of disability claims
- use of checklists
- use of reports, pertinent forms, opinion letters and other important documentation
- VA requirements for representation of veterans requirements for CLE
- Seven case studies demonstrating how various applications for various veterans benefits are developed and submitted for successful claims

C. Method of Evaluation and Tracking

1. Input from the course is encouraged
2. Online evaluation form available for participants to submit feedback
3. The faculty is available via email or phone for any questions or follow-up instruction
4. A course certificate of completion is provided under the following conditions
 - a. course participant certifies with a signature the completion of the course
 - a. For evidence of completion for VA Office of General Counsel the participant provides a course training code that is embedded in the training and can only be obtained by watching the lecture
 - b. For purposes of state bar credit for this course where it applies, and additional 4 training codes are embedded in the presentation to encourage participants watching the entire course. The code segments are so short, it would be very difficult to go through the training frame by frame to find those codes and it would take the same amount of time to just simply watch the training.

D. Qualifications of the Faculty Presenting the Course

Thomas Day: Thomas Day is a Veteran of the Vietnam War. He has had over twenty years of experience teaching professional seminars and working in the field of long-term care. He is an Accredited Agent with the Department of Veterans Affairs (part of a select group of about 500 across the country) and has helped numerous veterans with their benefits. He assists accredited attorneys and claims agents daily with questions they have about Veterans Law and the application and appeal processes. He has authored four books covering over 1,200 pages of federal code and federal regulations pertaining to veterans. Tom is the director of the National Care Planning Council and is a board member and Chief Training Officer for the Senior Veterans Service Alliance.

Jed Winegar: Jed is an Accredited Claims Agent with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. He has personally represented claims for Pension, Survivors Pension, DIC, SMC, Accrued Benefits, Burial Benefits, waivers, debt, and Aid and Attendance Allowances. Jed is the Director of Operations for the National Care Planning Council and works closely with the board members of the Senior Veterans Service Alliance. He is a lifelong resident of Utah and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Economics.

E. Sample Certificate of Completion

CERTIFICATE <i>of</i> COMPLETION	
THIS ACKNOWLEDGES THAT	
<div>Jane Smith</div>	
HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE REQUIRED 3 HOURS CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION TO MAINTAIN ACCREDITATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS USING THE COURSE:	
"UNDERSTANDING VETERANS AFFAIRS DISABILITY LAW FOR MAINTAINING ACCREDITATION"	
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SIGNED, <i>[Signatory Name]</i> , <i>[Signatory Title]</i>	DATE COMPLETED
I certify that I have completed the 3 hours of qualifying CLE pertaining to veterans law under Title 38 §14.629(b)(4) covering the following topics: 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 19). This CLE course entitled "UNDERSTANDING VETERANS AFFAIRS DISABILITY LAW FOR MAINTAINING ACCREDITATION," is approved by the Florida State Bar and is furnished by the Senior Veterans Service Alliance with the corresponding course number provided on this certification. This CLE satisfies the requirements for initial and ongoing CLE. I am currently in good standing with EVERY court, bar, or Federal or State agency to which I am admitted to practice or otherwise authorized to appear. I certify that the above statements are correct and true to the best of my knowledge.	
THE VA USES YOUR REGISTRATION #, ADDRESS AND/OR PHONE TO TRACK ACCREDITATION. PLEASE FILL OUT THE INFORMATION VA HAS ON FILE BELOW:	IF YOUR ADDRESS AND/OR PHONE HAS BEEN CHANGED, PLEASE UPDATE BELOW AND VA WILL UPDATE YOUR RECORDS:
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