

Community Legal Aid

A non-profit law firm serving the legal needs of low-income individuals and families in central northeast Ohio



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Location: online

Advocate Training: Supporting Stability for Veterans (online CLE)

This training is being offered by the Veterans Task force on Monday, July 26, 2021. The Ohio Veterans Law Task Force is hosting this live interactive webinar to provide an overview of practicing before the Veterans Administration (VA), community advocacy, and discharge upgrades. This training will provide attendees with the continuing legal education required to maintain accreditation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA). It will provide advocates new to the practice of VA benefits with a tool-kit of information and legal structure to assist in VA benefits cases. It will include substantive law and practice tips from attorneys experienced in this area. The training is also intended to update advocates already practicing in the area with recent changes in VA benefits law. The intended audience are Ohio legal services attorneys and paralegals, as well as any attorneys and paralegals interested in volunteering with their local Ohio legal aid program.

AGENDA

9:00 am - 10:30 am **VA Benefits Advocacy**

De Ann Williams, Stark County Veterans Service Commission

10:30 am - 11:00 am **Updates in VA Forms**

Karin Nordstrom, Legal Aid Society of Columbus

11:00 am - 12:00 pm **Appeals and Hearings**

Debora Wagner, Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm **“I’m Back Home” – Veterans in the Community and Advocacy Beyond VA Benefits**

Kimberly Adams, Community Legal Aid Services, Inc.

Judge Taryn Heath, Stark County Court of Common Pleas

Lisa Williams, Director of the Stark County Honor Court

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm **Break**

2:15 pm – 4:00 pm **Discharge Upgrades & Character of Service Review**

Margaret Kuzma, Veterans Inclusion Project, Connecticut Veterans Legal Center

5.75 hours of CLE credit have been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio

Registration

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