



WANT TO HELP A VET?
★ NAVIGATING VA BENEFITS
MILITARY CULTURAL COMPETENCY

Tuesday, August 25, 2015

Registration/Dinner: 5:30 p.m.

Program: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Orange County Bar Association
 4101 Westerly Place, Newport Beach, CA 92660
Free Parking

Topic:

There are over 21 million veterans in the United States, many of whom are not aware of the benefits to which they are entitled. Medical and financial assistance are available to men and women who have served in the military, but some who can qualify are not receiving the benefits that they need. Over 40% of veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan seek compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for service-related injuries, with about 30% suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Many of the veterans who apply for benefits will be denied, and all of them will wait months or years for the VA to issue decisions on their claims.

Learn how to navigate the VA claims process and to become an effective advocate for veterans in need. This two-hour MCLE program will provide an overview of VA disability law, outlining the VA claims and appeals process. The objective of the program is to train attorneys to represent veteran clients in obtaining disability compensation benefits.

Speakers:

Antoinette Balta, Esq.

President, *Veterans Legal Institute*

Amanda K. Pertusati, Esq.

Public Law Center

Program Chair:

Major Dwight Stirling, Esq., M.Ed.

Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder

Veterans Legal Institute

California National Guard

Advanced Discount Rate
 (Received by 8/18/15)

OCBA Members	\$75*
OCBA Law Student Members/Sitting Judges	\$25*
OCBA Young Lawyers Division Member/Government Employee Rate	\$50*
Non-OCBA Members	\$125*

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