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Ten New Online Courses Available

Ten new trainings are available for viewing over the web by attorneys and staff. Everyone who wishes to view these trainings must register. There is no charge for viewing any of these training, but there is a processing fee for CLE credit. All of the trainings in this article will be available before November 15.

To view the trainings...

- Start up your web browser and go to this location: <http://onlineresources.wnyc.net>
- On the left side of the screen, click on "Online Training"
- Click on the desired training; a registration form will be displayed
- Fill out the registration form; then click on "Submit form"
- A link to the presentation will be sent to the email address provided in the registration form

If you are an attorney and wish to receive CLE credit, you must fill out the course

evaluation and attorney affirmation forms and mail it to the address on the form along with payment for processing of the CLE credit request. New York State Bar Association rules require that the forms be mailed. They cannot be submitted electronically.

Newly admitted attorneys in New York State cannot receive CLE credit for online training.

If you are an attorney who is not licensed in New York State and want CLE credit, please check to see if your state allows New York State CLE credits to be applied to your state's CLE requirements.



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What Every Civil Legal Services Provider Should Know About Stalking: Investigation, Prosecution and Working with Victims

Originally presented as a training for law enforcement officers, this program contains valuable information for civil legal services practitioners. Presentations by police, prosecutor, and mental health officials discuss the important and intertwined issues of enforcement of stalking laws and treating the complainant-victims with respect and avoiding re-victimizing those seeking recourse from the judicial system. A civil legal services attorney presents topics of interest including the crime of stalking, alternate Family Court venues for qualifying victims, and what civil legal providers can do for complainant-victims in the criminal venue. The victim perspective is represented as well with a presentation by a victim of stalking who speaks about the decision making process related to whether to report the crime and how stalking continues to effect her day-to-day decisions.

This program was developed with funding from the Department of Justice's Legal Assistance to Victims grant pursuant to the Violence Against Women Act. It provides unique insight into the criminal investigation and prosecution of stalking that are easily transferrable to the litigation of the stalking offenses in family court.

Date of original presentation: 09/05/2012

Presenters:

Part 1: Investigating and Prosecuting Stalking Cases: Alice D. Decker, Esq., Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York, Inc.; Undersheriff Robert S. Swenszkowski,

Oneida County Sheriff's Office; Dawn Catera Lupi, Esq., Oneida County District Attorney's Office

Part 2: Working with Stalking Victims: Undersheriff Robert S. Swenszkowski, Oneida County Sheriff's Office; Bernadette McDaniel, MSW, MA/CRJ, YWCA of Mohawk Valley; Cindy Domingue-Hendrickson, Esq., Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York, Inc.

Total viewing time: 2 hours 11 minutes

There is no CLE credit for viewing this presentation

Collateral Consequences of Attorney Fee Awards, Cash Settlements or Damages

This session identifies the potential impact of damage awards, cash settlements and attorney fee awards on tax liability, means tested benefits, and vulnerability to creditors. It provides an example of an award in a Fair Labor Standards Act case involving a public assistance recipient who has participated in workfare, and covers the use of Supplemental Needs Trusts to protect cash settlements and awards

Date of original presentation: 09/13/2012

Presenters: Susan Antos (Empire Justice Center), Elizabeth Hay (The Legal Aid Society), Karen Nicolson (Legal Services for the Elderly, Disabled or Disadvantaged of Western New York, Inc.)

Viewing time: 1 hour 32 minutes

CLE Credit: 1.5 Skills

Cost for viewing this training if CLE credit is





requested: \$60.00 for Not-for-Profit Agencies; \$90.00 for Private Practice Attorneys. There is no charge for viewing this training unless CLE credit is requested.

Representing Clients with Disabilities in the Welfare Context: How to Use the Law to Help Clients with Disabilities Access Public Benefits

This session first offers tips for recognizing and working with clients with disabilities. Then, it will also provide an overview of the legal framework for disability advocacy in the welfare context. Finally, it examines selected welfare issues and how they impact clients with disabilities. This will include, for example, reasonable accommodations, the application process, the work requirements and the rules relating to drug and alcohol use. This session examines both administrative advocacy and litigation.

Date of original presentation: 09/13/2012

Presenters: Don Friedman (Empire Justice Center), Susan Welber (The Legal Aid Society), Maureen Kieffer (Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York)

Viewing time: 1 hour 19 minutes

CLE Credit: 1.0 Skills, 0.5 Professional Practice

Cost for viewing this training if CLE credit is requested: \$60.00 for Not-for-Profit Agencies; \$90.00 for Private Practice Attorneys. There is no charge for viewing this training unless CLE credit is requested.

New York's Foreclosure Process: From Standing to Settlement Conferences and Everything in Between

This presentation discusses and presents

solutions to the procedural and substantive challenges in New York's Foreclosure Settlement Conference Process and updates practitioners on laws and regulations, legal issues, government programs, and resources to help homeowners facing foreclosure.

Date of original presentation:
09/13/2012

Presenters: Paul Curtin (Legal Services Bureau of Buffalo), Sarah Galvan (Legal Services for the Elderly, Disabled or Disadvantaged of Western New York), Jay Inwald (Legal Aid Services NYC), Kirsten E. Keefe (Empire Justice Center), Keisha Williams (Western New York Law Center)

Viewing time: 1 hour 54 minutes

CLE Credit: 2.0 Skills

Cost for viewing this training if CLE credit is requested: \$60.00 for Not-for-Profit Agencies; \$90.00 for Private Practice Attorneys. There is no charge for viewing this training unless CLE credit is requested.

How the Bankruptcy Laws Can Help Your Client Survive Consumer Debt

This program provides a practical overview of federal and NYS bankruptcy laws. It shows non-bankruptcy practitioners how to effectively help their low-income clients survive consumer debt.

Date of original presentation:
09/13/2012

Presenter: John T. McManus (City Bar Justice Center)

Viewing time: 53 minutes

CLE Credit: 1.0 Professional Practice



Cost for viewing this training if CLE credit is requested: \$60.00 for Not-for-Profit Agencies; \$90.00 for Private Practice Attorneys. There is no charge for viewing this training unless CLE credit is requested.

The Role of Vocational Issues in a Social Security Case

Two experienced Social Security attorneys discuss how vocational issues may affect the outcome of a Social Security disability case. Topics include significance of vocational evidence in the sequential evaluation process, new POMS and proposed regulations on past relevant work, questioning a vocational expert (VE), and overview of relevant case law.

Date of original presentation: 09/14/2012

Presenters: Kate Callery (Empire Justice Center), Peter Racette (Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York)

Viewing time: 1 hour 4 minutes

CLE Credit: 1.0 Professional Practice

Cost for viewing this training if CLE credit is requested: \$60.00 for Not-for-Profit Agencies; \$90.00 for Private Practice Attorneys. There is no charge for viewing this training unless CLE credit is requested.

Now Playing: DAP Advocate vs. The Vocational Expert - A Hearing Experience

This mock Social Security hearing gives viewers a sense of how to present vocational evidence at a hearing. "Actors" assume the roles of ALJ, the claimant, and the vocational

expert (VE). Using the hypothetical case scenario of a young adult (18-25 years old) with musculoskeletal and mental impairments, an experienced advocate will demonstrate direct examination of the claimant and a cross-examination of the VE.

Date of original presentation: 09/14/2012

Presenters: Kate Callery (Empire Justice Center), Peter Racette

(Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York), Kirsten King (Private Practice), L. J. Fisher (Empire Justice Center), Evan Baer (Empire Justice Center)

Viewing time: 30 minutes

CLE Credit: 0.5 Skills

Cost for viewing this training if CLE credit is requested: \$60.00 for Not-for-Profit Agencies; \$90.00 for Private Practice Attorneys. There is no charge for viewing this training unless CLE credit is requested.



Thumbs Up or Down? Practical Reviews of the VE Mock Hearing

A panel of experienced Social Security attorneys discuss issues raised in the mock hearing, as well as other vocational issues, including the art of the hypothetical question, the validity of the numbers/testimony offered by the VE, and tips for cross-examining the VE.

Date of original presentation: 09/14/2012

Presenters: Kate Callery (Empire Justice Center), Peter Racette (Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York), Michelle Spadafore (New York Legal assistance Group), Montel Cherry (Manhattan Legal Services), Sue Bosworth Quinlan (Legal Services of Mid-New York)

Viewing time: 1 hour 3 minutes



CLE Credit: 1.0 Skills

Cost for viewing this training if CLE credit is requested: \$60.00 for Not-for-Profit Agencies; \$90.00 for Private Practice Attorneys. There is no charge for viewing this training unless CLE credit is requested.

The Hip Bone is Connected to the Back Bone: Understanding Musculoskeletal Impairments and “Dem Bones”

A medical practitioner familiar with Social Security Administration’s (SSA) listings discusses the musculoskeletal impairments listing. An experienced Social Security attorney will facilitate the presentation so that participants will better understand the type of medical evidence they will be reviewing and should be developing in cases of musculoskeletal impairments. A hypothetical case scenario of a young adult (18-25 years old) with musculoskeletal and mental impairments who has been denied SSI will be used to demonstrate strategies for arguing that a claim meets or equals the listing.

Date of original presentation:
09/14/2012

Presenters: Louise Tarantino (Empire Justice Center), Ann Hirschman (RN-C, FNP, MPH)

Viewing time: 57 minutes

CLE Credit: 1.0 Skills

Cost for viewing this training if CLE credit is requested: \$60.00 for Not-for-Profit Agencies; \$90.00 for Private Practice Attorneys. There is no charge for viewing this training unless CLE credit is requested.

How to Prove the Hip Bone/Back Bone Connection: Medical Issues in Disability Cases

A panel of experienced attorneys discuss issues related to medical evidence, including preparation and use of forms, value of evidence from non-acceptable medical sources (SSR 06-3p), applicability of HALLEX provisions, problems with getting medical records and subpoenas, dealing with consultative examiner (CE) opinions, and electronic medical records.

Date of original presentation: 09/14/2012

Presenters: Kate Callery (Empire Justice Center), Ellen Rita Heidrick (Southern Tier Legal Services, A division of LAWNY), Shubh Nigam (Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York), Marie Mombrum (The Legal Aid Society)

Viewing time: 54 minutes

CLE Credit: 1.0 Skills

Cost for viewing this training if CLE credit is requested: \$60.00 for Not-for-Profit Agencies; \$90.00 for Private Practice Attorneys. There is no charge for viewing this training unless CLE credit is requested.





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Total Hits.....1,772,456
 Number of Pages Viewed.....323,893
 Total Visitors.....49,234
 Average Hits/Day.....52,591
 Average Pages /Day.....8,997
 Top Web Browsers Used:
 Internet Explorer.....45%
 Firefox.....19%
 Safari.....6%
 Google Chrome.....10%
 Others.....20%

Top Operating Systems Used:
 Windows 7.....30%
 Windows Vista.....8%
 Windows XP.....33%
 Mac OS.....6%
 iPad.....3%
 iPhone.....3%
 Android.....4%
 Other.....13%



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