

WIDENER LAW SCHOOL/VETERANS LAW CLINIC
PRO BONO REPRESENTATION BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

*3 credit CLE covering everything you need to know to represent a veteran
before the VA with a compensation or pension claim*

Wednesday, May 28th

1:30 – 5:00

Widener Law School/Clinical Wing
4601 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803

Cost: \$75

Fee is waived for current volunteers or anyone agreeing to represent a clinic client.
*\$1.50 per credit hour (\$4.50 for entire program) is due for attorneys seeking PA credit. This is
included in the \$75, but the \$1.50 per credit is still required for volunteers.*

Program

1:30 – 2:30 **Basic Principles of Veterans Benefits** - ..Representation before the VA, claims procedures, basic eligibility for VA benefits, right to appeal, disability compensation, dependency and indemnity compensation, pension benefits

2:45 – 3:45 *Workshop sessions/Choice of:*

1. **Maximizing benefits for clients unable to work** – Filing for scheduler or extra-schedular Total Disability based upon Individual Unemployability (TDIU).
2. **Dependency and Indemnity Compensation/Pension** – how to assist spouses and family members in obtaining benefits from the VA, including Aid & Attendance.
3. **Board of Veterans Appeals and Regional Office hearings** – general advocacy tips for representing a veteran at a hearing

4:00 – 5:00 *Workshop sessions/Choice of:*

1. **Veterans with Orthopedic claims** – everything you need to know to represent a client with an orthopedic claim.
2. **How to handle a PTSD or other mental health claims** –what is PTSD, how can a veteran prove his condition is connected to his time in service and how do you obtain a rating.
3. **Board of Veterans Appeals and Regional Office hearings** – general advocacy tips for representing a veteran at a hearing

3.0 hours CLE credit for Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey attorneys (NJ attorneys must self-report to the NJ CLE Board.) Course is also accepted for VA accreditation purposes. Accreditation requires submission of VA form 21a found at: <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/VA21a.pdf>.

**Contact Denise Paul at (302) 477-2056 or dmpaul@mail.widener.edu to sign up
or for more information about the course or VA accreditation.**