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8:00 a.m. – 8:20 a.m. – Registration

8:20 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Welcome Remarks

Richard K. Leefe, President, Louisiana State Bar Association
Concepcion “Koki” Otero, Co-Chair, LSBA Committee on Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities
Kenneth A. Polite Jr., United States Attorney, Eastern District of Louisiana

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – Exploring the Cornerstone: The History of the ADA – Past, Present & Future

This session will provide a concise history of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), outline current issues and challenges with a focus on Louisiana, and identify relevant developing issues that are likely to be decided in the court in the near future.

Monique R. Gougisha, Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C.
Susan M.A. Meyers, Advocacy Center
Hon. John D. Saunders, Louisiana Third Circuit Court of Appeal (moderator)
Charles Tubre, Advocacy Center

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. – Gathering the Building Tools: Vocational Rehabilitation – The Benefits, the Process, and Services

The panel will address what vocational rehabilitation means for clients with disabilities (from the perspective of the private sector versus the public sector); explain the various types of benefits available; and the processes involved in qualifying, maintaining, and appealing for benefits. The panel will illustrate the varying role of vocational rehabilitation for clients in litigation matters, non-litigation matters, and in relation to services offered by non-profit organizations.

Adrejia L.A. Boutté, Christovich & Kearney (moderator)
D’Juana Adams, Advocacy Center
Louis Lipinski, MS, Vocational Rehabilitation Expert Witness
Carla Seyler, Seyler Favaloro Ltd.
Larry S. Stokes, Ph.D., Stokes & Associates, Inc.

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Networking Break

11:00 a.m. – 12 noon – Supporting the Framework: The Nuts & Bolts of Social Security Appeals

Panelists will clarify the disability programs administered by the Social Security Administration and will explain the basics regarding eligibility and the process for seeking benefits under the programs. The panel will provide best practice tips on hearings and appeals during the Social Security disability process, including preparing

clients for hearing and techniques for cross-examining vocational and other experts.
Hon. Kerry J. Anzalone, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review (ODAR), Social Security Administration
Erica Lee Cortizas, The Law Offices of Matt Greenbaum
Viki W. Lovelace, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review (ODAR), Social Security Administration
Elena Perez, Staff Attorney, Employment and Public Benefits Unit, Southeast LA Legal Services Corporation

12 noon – 12:45 p.m. Lunch

Keynote Speaker: Joseph I. Giarrusso III, Liskow & Lewis, PLC

12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Hanging Rock & Connecting Wire: Impact of Hidden Disabilities on Fitness to Practice (PROFESSIONALISM)

Panelists will explore the impact of character and fitness queries on the entry of lawyers with psychiatric disabilities into the profession and the impact of stigmas on some attorneys who have hidden disabilities. Those panelists with hidden disabilities will share experiences regarding the impact of their disabilities on their practices and their experiences within the profession.

Emily Cooper, Disability Rights Washington
Leslie J. Schiff, Schiff, Scheckman & White (moderator)
J.E. “Buddy” Stockwell III, Executive Director, Lawyers Assistance Program, Inc.
Prof. Dian Tooley-Knoblett, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law

2:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. – Finishing Touches: Necessary & Appropriate Accommodations to Improve Our Profession (PROFESSIONALISM)

A panel will discuss the important professionalism impact of accommodations for law students, attorneys, and judges who face challenges from psychological, physical, and sensory disabilities. The panel will evaluate accommodations that have been implemented successfully. The panel will also examine accommodations that have not produced the benefits anticipated as well as accommodations that are needed but which have not been implemented and why.

Michelle I. Anderson, Fisher & Phillips, LLP
Brian S. Lestage, Beauregard Parish Clerk of Court
Paul J. Masinter, Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, LLC (moderator)
Tori H. Smith, MS, ICADC, ICCDP, Extraordinary Behavioral Services

3:20 p.m. – 3:30 Closing Remarks

Chauntis T. Jenkins or Luis A. Leitzelar, Co-Chair, LSBA Committee on Diversity

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