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The Diversity Committee & Legal Services for Persons with Disabilities Committee (LSPD) <u>Three-</u>Part CLE Series on Disabilites-Related Legal Issues

Session I: Nov. 21, 2014 • Session II: Jan. 29, 2015 • Session III: April 17, 2015

Cost (Lunch provided & included in fee): \$25 for each session

□ **Session I:** Long-Term Planning for the Special Needs Client (1.5 CLE hours)

November 21, 2014 • Louisiana Bar Center, 601 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, LA

Joel Mendler, a long-time estate planning attorney licensed to practice in both Louisiana and Alabama, will discuss how he counsels families on financing long-term care needs (including long-term care insurance and Medicaid eligibility), and on financial/legal planning for disabled family members - including special needs trusts designed to preserve eligibility for governmental benefits.

□ Session II: Fit to Practice: Attorneys & Mental Health

January 29, 2015 • Baton Rouge - For more info, please visit: www.lsba.org/goto/2014DisabilityCLE

Substance abuse, as well as physical and mental health disability issues affect people of all professions-- and lawyers are no exception. In addition to the personal challenges of those suffering from these issues, this brings potential risk to the attorneys as they handle important matters and continue to work in the profession. This session will discuss the risks, ethics and liability issues that attorneys with disabilities face. In addition, it will offer resources available in Louisiana to help practitioners, and give practical advice on avoiding personal and vicarious liability during this process.

□ Session III: Introduction to Social Security Appeals

April 17, 2015 • Shreveport - For more info, please visit: www.lsba.org/goto/2014DisabilityCLE

Social Security Insurance (SSI) is vital to the well-being of disabled and vulnerable individuals who are unable to work. Lawyers play an important role in this process by advocating for clients' rights, and ensuring that these cases are adjudicated properly. Further, the demand for counsel in this area has risen in recent years as the median age of our state continues to rise. This session will provide a cursory overview of social security appeals, and include practical tips for ensuring high-quality representation and garnering business. The session is ideal for relatively new practitioners and/or those looking to expand their practice into this area.

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