

The Utah Association for Justice Presents:

**2019 Social Security Annual Seminar  
“The Difference Maker for Your Disabled Client’s Case”**

December 5, 2019 9:00AM – 4:45PM

Law & Justice Center 645 S. 200 E. SLC UT. 84111

6.5 CLE Credit Hours (incl. 1 Professionalism)

Chair: William Scott Lythgoe of Mountain View Law Group

**AGENDA**

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM:

**Welcome and Introduction**

**William Scott Lythgoe, Program Chair**

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM:

**“Pre-hearing brief primer: Secret sauce for a killer pre-hearing brief”**

*Information to include in the brief. Styling for success. Tips for efficiency. Sample briefs. Preparing to write the brief. Pre-hearing checklist. Adapting for case type. Why writing a hearing brief matters.*

**Jay Barnes, Barnes Disability Advocates**

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM:

**“Helpful case law for SS attorneys: Case law for winners”**

*Recent updates to case law both from the Supreme Court and 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit to be aware of in your Social Security practice.*

**Natalie Bolli-Jones, Barnes Disability Advocates**

11:15 AM-11:30 AM:

**BREAK**

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM:

**“What you need to know for mental impairment listings: Get the insider’s view”**

*This section will focus primarily on those Listed Mental Impairments that have undergone recent SSA revisions including 12.02 Neurocognitive disorders, 12.11 Neurodevelopmental disorders, and 12.15 Trauma and stressor-related disorders. The problems these revisions pose to the disability attorney or representative with respect to case development and securing a favorable decision are presented and discussed.*

**Ron Houston, PhD**

12:30 PM – 1:00 PM:

**Lunch**

1:00 PM-1:30 PM:

**Panel Discussion: Joel Ban, Ban Law Offices; Jennifer Bogart, Bogart Legal Services; Mike Bulson, Utah Legal Services, Inc. & Andrew Reichardt, The Law Office of Andrew Reichardt, PLLC**

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM:

**“Disability Law Center: Learn about critical resources for your clients”**

*The Disability Law Center is a private non-profit organization tasked with protecting the rights of people with disabilities in the state of Utah. We will present information to attendees about the no-cost services we provide to the disability community in areas including employment, fair housing, education, access & rights, abuse & neglect, community integration, SSA work-related overpayments, and voting.*

**Lindsay Boerens & Laura Henrie, Disability Law Center**

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM:

**“DOT job definitions: The effect of the evolution of job titles and definitions on your cases”**

*The dictionary of Occupational Titles was first published in 1938 and last updated in 1991. It originally emerged in an industrial economy which emphasized blue-collar jobs. During the period when it was updated periodically, the DOT provided useful occupational information. IN the present day, however, its usefulness has waned as the economy shifted toward information and services and away from heavy industry. Despite this, the DOT is the primary source for vocational information in Social Security hearings.*

*In this session, we’ll discuss the evolution of how jobs are performed and defined, methods vocational experts use for classifying jobs and identifying job numbers, and how this impacts your ability to represent your clients in Social Security hearings.*

**Kourtney Layton, MRC, CRC, LVRC, ABVE/F, IPEC, CLCP**

3:30 PM -3:45 PM:

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3:45 PM – 4:45 PM:

**“Professionalism: I know it when I see it”**

*A lawyer's conduct should be characterized at all times by personal courtesy and professional integrity in the fullest sense of those terms. In fulfilling a duty to represent a client vigorously as lawyers, we must be mindful of our obligations to the administration of justice, which is a truth-seeking process designed to resolve human and societal problems in a rational, peaceful, and efficient manner. We must remain committed to the rule of law as the foundation for a just and peaceful society. Conduct that may be characterized as uncivil, abrasive, abusive, hostile, or obstructive impedes the fundamental goal of resolving disputes rationally, peacefully, and efficiently. Such conduct tends to delay and often to deny justice.*

*Lawyers should exhibit courtesy, candor and cooperation in dealing with the public and participating in the legal system. The following standards are designed to encourage lawyers to meet their obligations to each other, to litigants and to the system of justice, and thereby achieve the twin goals of civility and professionalism, both of which are hallmarks of a learned profession dedicated to public service.” Utah Supreme Court Rules of Professional Practice*

**Judge Luke Brennan, ALJ**