

The Annual Bench-Bar CLE on Social Security Appeals Practice in the Western District of Washington

Thursday, December 7, 2023

1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Please join us for the annual CLE Seminar sponsored by the Western District of Washington's Social Security Disability Bench Bar Committee. This year's program will be hosted by the Hon. Tana Lin, District Judge, and the Hon. Theresa J. Fricke, U.S. Magistrate Judge – Co-Chairs of the Western District of Washington Bench-Bar Committee on Social Security Disability Appeals. This CLE is planned and produced in partnership with the Federal Bar Association for the Western District of Washington, and the King County Bar Association.

Opening remarks and an overview of the Social Security Disability Bench-Bar Committee of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington, and a preview of the afternoon's CLE program will be given by Chief Judge David G. Estudillo, and District Judge Tana Lin.

Joe Solseng, Attorney, and Adjunct Professor at Seattle University will provide insights and recommendations about respectful language in the disabilities context.

Judge Kidd, Chief Administrative Law Judge and Kirk Larson, public affairs specialist with SSA, will discuss practical aspects of the appeals process in the Social Security Disability benefits system.

Attorneys Amy Gilbrough and Sarah Moum will present the new and notable SSA opinions published by the Supreme Court and Ninth Circuit.

Attorney and Chair of the Federal Bar Association's disabilities law committee, Leanne Martinez, will moderate a panel presentation. The Hon. S. Kate Vaughan, Hon. Grady Leupold, and Judicial Law Clerk Maria Manalac will provide guidance from the District Court's perspective, speak about practice tips for Social Security appeals, and answer questions from the Bar.

The Social Security Bench Bar Committee will host a reception/networking meeting immediately following the CLE presentation where speakers and attendees can collaborate with their colleagues, and informally discuss the Supplemental Rules of Civil Procedure that became effective in December 2022.

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CLE MATERIALS

[CLE Agenda](#)

[Caselaw Update - Sarah Moum and Amy Gilbrough](#)

Language of Justice - Joe Solseng

- [Respectful Language Pertaining to Disabilities](#)
- [Communicating with People](#)
- [Disability Inclusive Language Guidelines](#)
- [Guidelines for Writing About People with Disabilities](#)

Practical Aspects of Social Security Disability System - Judge Kidd and Kirk Larson

- [Tips and Best Practices for Appointed Representatives](#)

Please contact Moderator Leanne Martinez at LeanneM@ddmglaw.com with substantive questions for the panel.

The program is free of charge and we are seeking approval for CLE credit.

Please register in advance using the following links

In-person: [Annual Bench-Bar CLE on Social Security Appeals Practice in WDW Tickets, Thu, Dec 7, 2023 at 1:30 PM | Eventbrite.](#)

Virtual: [Webinar Registration - Zoom \(zoomgov.com\)](#)