ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR RURAL VETERANS
POLICY, LAW & HEALTH CARE
FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2015
8:50 AM - 3:30 PM
SIU CARBONDALE • LESAR LAW BUILDING, 1150 DOUGLAS DRIVE, CARBONDALE, IL
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
LUNCH IS PROVIDED
IL MCLE: 5.0 HOURS

The purpose of this conference is to raise awareness of the issues and perception of issues facing veterans with a focus on rural veterans, to share information on ways to help local veterans, and to provide veterans’ benefit claims training.

Please register by Wednesday, June 24, 2015.
More information and registration can be found at www.PaulSimonInstitute.org/VetCon
If you prefer to register by phone please call Barb Smith at 618/453-3258.

The sessions before the 11:15 AM break are meant for a general audience as well as attorneys. The sessions after 11:30 AM are designed to train attorneys to assist veterans with VA claims, but members of the public are welcome to attend. In addition to MCLE credit, these sessions can assist in claims attorney accreditation with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (admission to practice law before the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs).

DAY AT A GLANCE

8:50 AM Welcome
9:00 AM Public Perception of Veterans’ Challenge in Illinois: Recent The Simon Poll™ data
9:20 AM Specific Challenges to Rural Veterans
9:40 AM Access to Justice - Explanation of Evolving Local Veterans’ Legal Services Initiatives
10:15 AM Special Considerations for Communicating with the Veteran-Client
11:30 AM Veterans Benefits Overview - Session 1
12:30 PM Lunch
1:30 PM Veterans Benefits Overview - Session 2
2:30 PM Taking an Appeal to the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims

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