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The Department of Veterans Affairs is tough to navigate. From the initial filing of a claim to appellate review, experts walk you through the types of claims commonly requiring a lawyer's assistance. Walk away with everything you need to know about the appeals process and more.

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- Advise veterans on general eligibility requirements
- Secure disability compensation, dependency and indemnity compensation, and pension
- Appeal a denial of benefits
- Explore long-term care options for veterans in Michigan

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Schedule

1:00pm Registration

1:30pm Overview of VA Benefits

Eligibility for VA benefits; disability compensation (38 U.S.C. Chapter 11); dependency and indemnity compensation (38 U.S.C. Chapter 13); health services, home health, and long-term care options for veterans in Michigan.

Michael R. Viterna, Viterna Law, *Belleville*

2:30pm Claims Procedures, Right to Appeal, and Representation before the VA

Filing the claim; gathering evidence to support the claim; the appellate process and advocacy tips along the way; attorney fee agreements and payment for services.

Margaret A. Costello, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Veterans Law Clinic, *Detroit*

3:25pm Networking Break

3:40pm Special Monthly Pension

38 U.S.C. Chapter 15 aid and attendance; eligibility; divestment; trusts and their status; "getting paid"; adding VA benefits to your practice; proposed federal regulatory changes.

Susan L. Chalgian, Chalgian & Tripp Law Offices, *East Lansing*

4:40pm VA Hot Topics and Practice Pointers

Susan L. Chalgian, Chalgian & Tripp Law Offices, *East Lansing*; Margaret A. Costello, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Veterans Law Clinic, *Detroit*; Michael R. Viterna, Viterna Law, *Belleville*

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