Dear Pro Bono Attorney:

We invite you to participate in a FREE attorney training provided by Project SALUTE, a program designed by the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law to assist Veterans in Federal Disability and Pension Benefits matters. Visit our website at www.law.udmercy.edu to view the outreach and impact of the Project.

The training is designed to teach pro bono attorneys how to assist Veterans with legal issues regarding disability and pension benefits. It will cover the process for obtaining veterans benefits, explain the reasons why claims are often denied, and discuss methods of obtaining evidence in support of the claim and appealing a claim denial at the Board of Veterans Appeals and the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Attorneys will also learn effective advocacy strategies for dealing with the Veterans Administration system, as well as information on recent developments in Veterans Law. The training agenda is attached for your review.

In exchange for being provided training and materials free of charge, attorneys must agree to accept at least one Veterans Benefits matter pro bono. Paralegals are welcome to participate only if their supervising attorney attends the same training. Please see attached materials regarding VA accreditation requirements.

The training will be conducted on Tuesday, October 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at:

State Bar of Michigan
Michael Franck Building
306 Townsend Street
Lansing, MI 48933

(registration and free continental breakfast from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.)

Please register no later than October 9 at:

http://www.law.udmercy.edu/project_salute/whereweregoing.php
Click on *Volunteer Attorney Training,* select *In-Person Attorney Training*
Tuesday, October 13

Should you have questions, please contact Alesa Silver, Project SALUTE Event Coordinator, at silverag@udmercy.edu or (313) 596-0258.

We look forward to your participation. Thank you in advance, for serving those who served.

Sincerely,

Professor Tammy M. Kudialis, Esq.
Director, Project SALUTE