

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.

We are delighted to partner with the State Bar of Michigan's Pro Bono Initiative again and most appreciative that the Bar will host the in-person training seminar and sponsor breakfast and lunch.

Friday, October 8th 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 will be held from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.**
- **\$8 parking is available on the "City Ramp"**

Please register no later than October 1st at:

http://www.law.udmercy.edu/project_salute/whereweregoing.php

Click on the *Volunteer Attorney Training* tab under the photo and then select *In-Person Attorney Training on October 8*

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