

## MLRI: State & Federal Veterans' Benefits

### Basic Public Benefits Advocacy Trainings

**Product Number:** 2220094P01

**Date(s):** Thursday, 4/28/2022, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

**Location:** MCLE Conference Center, Ten Winter Place, Boston

**CLE Credits:** 5 substantive credits, 0 ethics credits

## Agenda

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| 9:30 am - 9:40 am   | <b>Introductions/Agenda Overview</b><br>Anna Schleelein Richardson, Esq., <i>Veterans Legal Services</i> , Boston, Chair  |
| 9:40 am - 10:15 am  | <b>How a Servicemember Becomes a Veteran: The Military Discharge Process</b><br>Scott Pitta, Esq., <i>Veterans Legal Services</i> , Boston  |
| 10:15 am - 11:20 am | <b>Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)</b><br>Anna Schleelein Richardson, Esq., <i>Veterans Legal Services</i> , Boston, Chair   |
| 11:20 am - 11:25 am | <b>Break</b>  |
| 11:25 am - 12:25 pm | <b>Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Benefits</b><br>Steven J. Connor, <i>Veterans' Services Department</i> , Northampton<br>Anna Schleelein Richardson, Esq., <i>Veterans Legal Services</i> , Boston, Chair              |
| 12:25 pm - 1:10 pm  | <b>Lunch</b>  |
| 1:10 pm - 2:00 pm   | <b>Character of Discharge &amp; Access to Veterans Benefits</b><br>Dana Montalto, Esq., <i>Harvard Law School/Legal Services Center</i> , Jamaica Plain   |
| 2:00 pm - 3:20 pm   | <b>M.G.L. c. 115 – Massachusetts Veterans Services' Benefits</b><br>Steven J. Connor, <i>Veterans' Services Department</i> , Northampton<br>Betsy Gwin, Esq., <i>Harvard Law School/Legal Services Center</i> , Jamaica Plain |
| 3:20 pm - 3:30 pm   | <b>"Ask the Experts" Q&amp;A Session</b>  |