

## MLRI: State & Federal Veterans' Benefits

### Basic Public Benefits Advocacy Trainings

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**Date(s):** Wednesday, 4/19/2023, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

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

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## Agenda

9:30am - 9:40am	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> Anna Schleelein Richardson, Esq., <i>Veterans Legal Services</i> , Boston
9:40am - 9:55am	<b>The Transition to Civilian Status &amp; and a General Overview of Veterans Benefits</b> Dana Montalto, Esq., <i>Harvard Law School/Legal Services Center</i> , Jamaica Plain
9:55am - 11:05am	<b>Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)</b> Anna Schleelein Richardson, Esq., <i>Veterans Legal Services</i> , Boston
11:05am - 11:10am	<b>Networking and Refreshment Break</b>
11:10am - 12:15pm	<b>Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Benefits</b> Anna Schleelein Richardson, Esq., <i>Veterans Legal Services</i> , Boston Steven J. Connor, <i>Veterans' Services Department</i> , Northampton
12:15pm - 1:15pm	<b>Lunch (on your own)</b>
1:15pm - 2:00pm	<b>Character of Discharge &amp; Access to Veterans Benefits</b> Dana Montalto, Esq., <i>Harvard Law School/Legal Services Center</i> , Jamaica Plain
2:00pm - 2:05pm	<b>Break</b>
2:05pm - 3:20pm	<b>M.G.L. c. 115 – Massachusetts Veterans Services' Benefits</b> Betsy Gwin, Esq., <i>MLRI</i> , Boston Steven J. Connor, <i>Veterans' Services Department</i> , Northampton
3:20pm - 3:30pm	<b>"Ask the Experts" Q&amp;A Session and Key Takeaways</b>