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Schedule

12:30 Registration

1:00 Welcome and Introduction

Christian Hale, Senior Fiduciary Services LLC,
Gladstone, OR

Leslie Nelson, Metro Public Defender Inc.,
Portland, OR

1:05 VA Benefits 101

- Statutory definition of “Veteran”
- Elements of a well-grounded VA disability claim (*Caluza v. Brown*)
- Procedural disability claims process: pre- and post- Appeals Modernization Act
- Presumptive conditions: common issues and errors

Michael Curtis, Northwest Veterans Law, Salem, OR

2:05 Break

2:15 Housing Accessibility for Veterans

- Range of accessibility needs
- Reasonable accommodations by property owners
- Reasonable modifications by residents

Meredith Weaver, Disability Rights Advocates,
Berkeley, CA

3:15 Break

3:25 Working with Clients with Mental Health Disabilities

- Common mental health issues impacting veterans
- Strategies for interviewing clients with mental health symptoms
- Ethical and privilege considerations with respect to communication with client support systems and healthcare providers

Dave Boyer, Disability Rights Oregon, Portland, OR

4:25 Adjourn

Planning Committee

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