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### **PRESENTED BY MICHAEL L. SHEA, ESQ.**

*The Law Offices of Michael L. Shea, LLC*

**Michael L. Shea, Esq.**, is a sole practitioner in Centennial, Colorado where his practice focuses on the legal issues facing veterans and their families. Mike is a retired military officer who spent eight years on active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps and 20 years with the Colorado Army National Guard. He retired from the National Guard in 2009. Mike's interest in the legal issues of veterans developed as a result of his two deployments to Iraq and observing the problems experienced by soldiers and Marines as a result of their combat experiences. Mike spent 22 years with the Colorado Secretary of State's office with a variety of job titles, including: Director, Business Division; Executive Director, Colorado Central Indexing System; and Director, Licensing and Enforcement Division. He retired in August of 2010. Mike has been a frequent speaker at the National Notary Association, Colorado Bar Association CLE and various professional and government associations on veterans' issues and notary law. In 2010, he was presented the March Fong Eu Achievement Award by the National Notary Association; Mike is a member of the Colorado and Arapahoe County Bar Associations, the Family Law section, the Dispute Resolution section and the Military Law Committee of the Colorado Bar. He is a graduate of the University of Denver. He received his MBA and his Juris Doctorate in 1980.

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# AGENDA

8:30 am Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 am Welcome and Introduction

9:10 am Representation Before the VA

- Rules Regarding Attorney Representation, Fees, and Expenses
- General Advocacy Tips

**Overview of Basic Eligibility for VA Benefits**

- The Entitlement Criteria for Service-Connected Disability Compensation

**Overview of Disability Compensation and the Use of Disability Benefits Questionnaires (38 USC, Chapter 11)**

10:20 am Q&A and Networking Break

**Overview of Pension Benefits (38 USC, Chapter 15)**

**Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (38 USC, Chapter 13)**

**Claims Procedures**

- VA Adjudication Process on an Original Claim for Disability Compensation
- Obtaining and Interpreting the Documents in a VA Claims File

10:30 am Right to Appeal and Basic Appeals Process

12:00 pm Q&A and Adjourn

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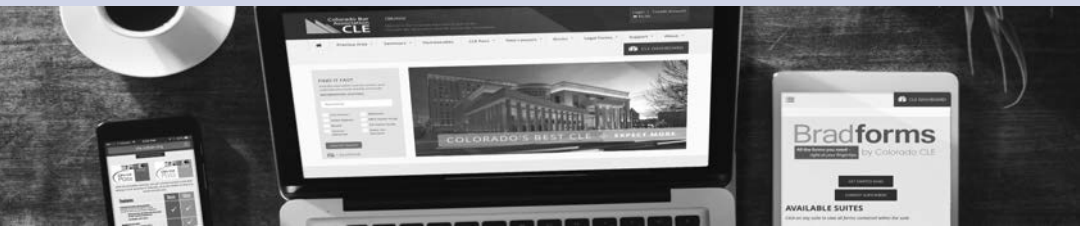
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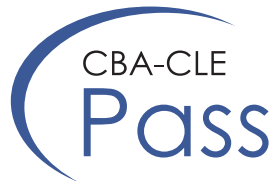
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