

CLE Seminars

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ERISA Claim Litigation 101

Presented by:
Labor and Employment
Law Section
Disability Law Committee

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
(Registration at 9:00 a.m.)

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About the Program

Learn how to pursue and to defend against claims for disability, health, severance, retirement, and other benefits from employer plans that are governed by the Employee Retirement and Income Security Act (ERISA). The program will provide counsel for claimants and employers with a comprehensive overview of the procedural and substantive laws governing these claims. Find out what ERISA is and when it governs claims; why appealing a benefit denial to the plan or insurance company is critical; how the “trial court” often functions more like an appellate court; and how ERISA both limits and expands the available remedies. Increase chances of success, whether prosecuting or defending an ERISA claim decision by attending this seminar.

Faculty and Speakers

Program Chair:

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Program Schedule

- 9:30 Introduction
- 9:40 ERISA Plans and Summary Plan Descriptions: What are They and Why are They Important?
- 10:00 Administrative Appeals: The Process for Exhausting Administrative Remedies with the Plan Administrator
- 10:45 Preparing the Complaint: ERISA’s Particular Causes of Action, and Pre-emption of State-Law Claims and Remedies
- 11:15 Getting to the Merits: Discovery, Standards of Review, and “Trials on the Papers”
- 12:00 Recovery of Attorneys’ Fees: It’s Not a Sure Thing
- 12:30 Questions and Answers

Who Should Attend

Counsel representing claimants and plans in benefit applications, appeals, and litigation; employee benefits personnel from employers and insurance companies; counsel representing claimants for Social Security and workers’ compensation; and human resources generalists.

This seminar is appropriate for both newly-admitted and experienced attorneys.

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