# Module 1 – Instructions for Using This Course to Maintain Accreditation

#### **Topics Covered in this Module**

- The Senior Veterans Service Alliance (SVSA) Continuing Legal Education Course
- Certifying Completion of this Course
- Getting State Bar Credit for this Course in your Individual State
- Keeping Track of Future CLE Requirements
- Services Available from the Senior Veterans Service Alliance and the National Care Planning Council





## The Senior Veterans Service Alliance (SVSA) Continuing Legal Education Course



- This 3-hour CLE course has been approved for ALL 50 states and Puerto Rico by the VA Office of General Counsel and various state bars for self-study/general credit. It will meet your initial first year CLE requirements or any ongoing 3 hours of CLE on veterans benefits law and procedures required every two years (see 38 C.F.R. § 14.629).
- Meets requirements under 38 CFR 14.629 (b) (iii) for the initial three hours CLE for qualifying accreditation in the first year by covering the following topics:
  - Representation before VA
  - Claims procedures
  - Basic eligibility for VA benefits
  - Right to appeal
  - Disability Compensation (38 U.S.C. Chapter 11)
  - Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) (38 U.S.C. Chapter 13)
  - Pension
- CLE course materials:
  - Course DVD which includes
    - Videos for each module of this course
    - State bar MCLE or CLE information
    - PDF versions of each of the slides
    - Additional training support material
  - Certificate of Completion and preaddressed envelope
  - Printed instructions to submit Certificate to receive CLE credit to the VA and to state bars (if applicable)
  - How to Apply for Department of Veterans Affairs Benefits for Veterans and Their Survivors book





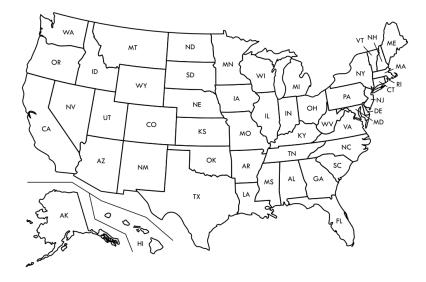
- This Certificate of Completion is the final step to receive the 3-hour CLE credit needed to maintain VA accreditation
- To make this certificate valid, you will need the VA COURSE NUMBER in order to certify the completion
- The VA Course Number slide is embedded in one of the modules and the narrator will prompt you to pause the slide and write down the number
- Information needed for the Certificate of Completion:
  - Fill in the course number
  - Fill in your address and phone number VA has on file go to <u>www.accreditlist.com</u> if you are not sure
  - Update your new address and/or phone number if it applies
  - Sign and date
  - Make a copy of the certificate for your own records and keep for at least two years
  - Mail the ORIGINAL certificate with Thomas Day's signature using the preaddressed envelope provided
- The Office of General Counsel (OGC) will likely NOT respond that they received your certificate but will make record of your submission
  - If you would like to follow-up, e-mail <u>ogcaccreditationmailbox@va.gov</u>
- These instructions are also included in your printed materials





### Getting State Bar Credit for this Course in your Individual State

(Attorneys only)



### Pre-approved states:

- Materials provide printed list of the states our course has been preapproved in to receive individual State Bar MCLE/CLE credit
- Pause the slides and write down all 3 **VERIFICATION CODES** and the VA course number
- Instructions are located on the DVD in the folders "How to Apply for Individual Mandatory CLE Credit with Your State Bar (attorneys only)" -> "State CLE Application Forms". Open the application for the state(s) you wish to receive credit in and complete the steps as instructed. These instructions will tell you how and where to use the codes.

#### Non-approved states:

- Still can apply individually for credit NOT guaranteed approval
- The CLE DVD provides in-depth instructions, supportive documentation, a course syllabus, and application forms
- Instructions are located on the DVD in the folders "How to Apply for Individual Mandatory CLE Credit with Your State Bar (attorneys only)" -> "State CLE Application Forms". Open the application for the state(s) you wish to receive credit in and complete the steps as instructed.
- Fees may be charged
- Our presenters are available for any questions



### **Keeping Track of Future CLE Requirements**

- The Senior Veterans Service Alliance (SVSA) has been providing CLE courses to maintain VA accreditation since 2013
- The VA requires that you complete a 3-hour CLE course within your first year of becoming accredited, then a follow-up CLE no later than 3 years from the date of the initial accreditation and every 2 years thereafter.
- We will notify you when your next requirements are due
- Visit <u>www.CLE4VA.com</u> for additional CLE credit or for your future 2-year requirement





Services Available from the Senior Veterans Service Alliance (SVSA) and the National Care Planning Council (NCPC)



www.seniorvets.org



**National Care Planning Council** 

www.longtermcarelink.net

- Training and support for Veterans Benefits applications
- Support for aging seniors
- Senior Marketing systems
- Books on Medicaid and issues facing aging seniors
- Accreditation training materials
- Listing services
- Life Resource Planning system



# **Questions?**



