Retreat Program by NOSSCR’s Next Generation Committee
Social Security Disability Law Retreat | March 3-6, 2022 | Boulder, CO

Thursday March 3, 2022 – Welcome to our NextGen Retreat!
Next Door Eatery followed by No Name Bar

Friday March 4, 2022
Private yoga class at Yoga Pearl followed by Oxygen Bar or Salt Therapy
Shopping and exploring Pearl Street
Picnic at Chautauqua Park, optional hiking
Private dinner at SALT

Saturday March 5, 2022
8am-12pm: CLEs and lunch from Pizza Garage

[CLE] Social Security Disability Hearings
Marissa Burkett, Esq., Ashley Loy, Esq., Jessica Mitchell, Esq.
Ashley Sappenfield, Esq., Laura Beth Waller, Esq.
This in-depth CLE will cover the ins and outs of Social Security Disability Hearings. Whether you are a new practitioner or seasoned veteran, this program will have something for everyone. The session will feature a mock hearing with a panel of Social Security practitioners, teaching, critiquing, and sharing their best practice strategies. This unique session will feature attorneys nationwide as well as attorneys whose primary focuses range from hearings to appeals. This session will give you a 360-degree view of hearing strategy. The panel will include Federal Court Practitioners and Hearing Level Attorneys. Practitioners will leave with strategies for building a case, preparing client testimony, dealing with experts, and interacting with ALJs. This session will get practitioners thinking about the dual goals of a hearing— to win your case or set up a strong appeal and how to toe the line between the two.

[CLE] “The Journey” Bootstrapping a Disability Practice from the Ground Up
Maren Miller Barn, Esq., Michael Liner, Esq.
Building a disability practice from scratch isn’t easy. It takes not only knowledge of disability law, but also marketing, case management, hiring (and firing), accounting and so much more. Many lawyers dream of opening their own firm but find it too daunting to do so—especially given the challenging economics of a contingency fee-based practice. In this session, two young attorneys who have stepped out of the shadows and quickly built successful disability practices on opposite ends of the country, share their wealth of knowledge and experience. Attendees will learn about the numbers that every disability firm owner must track, learn basic marketing tips that won’t break the bank (or even require you to open your wallet), and walk away with some actionable pointers that will help you to either grow or make the life-altering decision to start your own disability firm.

Afternoon/Evening Activities
Goose Creek Ale Trail
Taco dinner followed by a concert at the Fox

Sunday March 6, 2022
Farewell Brunch