



2026 FALL CONFERENCE

CLE Program Agenda

October 13 – 16, 2026

The Grand America Hotel

Salt Lake City, Utah

Please note that this schedule is preliminary and subject to change. It represents only the CLE sessions currently confirmed and does not include all programming planned for the conference. Additional concurrent workshops, as well as staff-focused educational sessions, will be announced as they are finalized.

Tuesday

October 13, 2026

Concurrent CLE Sessions · **Ballroom B** and **Ballroom C**

7:45am	Breakfast Table Talks <i>Informal small-group discussions over breakfast</i>	
9:00am	BALLROOM B Don't Look Back in Anger: Leveraging Prior Claims to Your Client's Benefit <i>J. Blair Biser & Billie Guthrie</i>	BALLROOM C Where to Begin... <i>Shannon Bennett</i>
10:15am	BALLROOM B Assessing Income: Trial Work Period, Extended Period of Eligibility, and Expedited Reinstatement <i>Deondra Sexton</i>	BALLROOM C RFC Rehab: Five Ways to Save a Case Before the ALJ Breaks It <i>Jonathan Heeps</i>
11:30am	BALLROOM B The Ethical and Responsible Use of the Occupational Requirements Survey: VE and System Perspectives <i>Michelle Aliff</i>	BALLROOM C Practice Tips from Intake to Hearing: Laying the Foundation to Win <i>David W. Kapor</i>
12:30pm	Lunch	
1:45pm	BALLROOM B Effective VE Cross Examination with ORS Data <i>John M. Yent</i>	BALLROOM C Tidbits from the POMS & HALLEX to Assist at Every Step of the Sequential Process for Hearings <i>Meredith Marcus</i>
3:00pm	BALLROOM B One VE Cross to Rule Them All <i>Theodore Norwood, Meghan Gallo, & Dave Chermol</i>	BALLROOM C Say It Better: Coaching Claimants Without Putting Words in Their Mouth <i>Freddrick Effinger</i>
4:15pm	Circuit Meetings	
5:30pm	President's Welcome Reception <i>Open to all conference attendees</i>	
7:30pm	NextGen Night Out	

Wednesday

October 14, 2026

Concurrent CLE Sessions · **Ballroom B** and **Ballroom C**

7:45am	Breakfast Table Talks <i>Informal small-group discussions over breakfast</i>	
9:00am	BALLROOM B Every Question Counts: Building the Hearing Record With Purpose <i>Meghan Gallo & Alexandra Donihoo</i>	BALLROOM C Practice Tips and Practical Considerations for Handling Child Cases <i>Melissa Lanouette</i>
10:15am	BALLROOM B The Roundtable of All Roundtables: What You Should Be Appealing to Federal Court and How to Develop It <i>Kevin S. Kerr & Sara Rose Carroll</i>	BALLROOM C Launching Into Adulthood: SSI & SSDI for Emerging Adults <i>Casey Watts & Anjel Burgess</i>
11:30am	BALLROOM B Protecting the Advocate: Burnout Prevention and Resilience in Disability Law <i>Dr. Robin Lange</i> <i>Sponsored by Sarah Bohr</i>	BALLROOM C The Job Is to Shed Light, Not to Master (There Is No Point Unless You Make It) <i>Robert Gross Tarlock</i>
12:30pm	Lunch	
1:45pm	General Session <i>1:45pm – 5:00pm · All attendees</i>	
5:00pm	Scully Reception and Talent Show <i>Open to all conference attendees</i>	

Thursday

October 15, 2026

Concurrent CLE Sessions · **Ballroom B** and **Ballroom C**

7:45am	Breakfast Table Talks <i>Informal small-group discussions over breakfast</i>		
9:00am	BALLROOM B The Color of Social Security—Race, Disability and Disparity <i>Jon C. Dubin</i>		BALLROOM C Getting Paid for Doing Good: Practice Pointers to Avoid Reduction in Fees <i>Lawrence Rohlfing & Sarah Bohr</i>
10:15am	BALLROOM B Ethical Dilemmas in Working with Mentally Impaired Clients <i>J. Asha Sharma & Paul McGrath</i>		BALLROOM C Top 10 Tips for Success: Lessons Learned Over 40 Years of Social Security Law Practice <i>Ann Atkinson</i>
11:30am	BALLROOM B Dealing with “Moderate” Mental Limitations in MSSs and SSA Determinations <i>Maryjean Ellis</i>	BALLROOM C Know Your Numbers: How to Use AI to Analyze Your Disability Practice <i>Nikhil Pai</i>	Venezia Nonprofit Member Meeting
12:30pm	Lunch		
1:45pm	BALLROOM B Defending the Persuasiveness of Helpful Medical Opinions Under the 2017 Regulations <i>Thomas D. Sutton & David Chermol</i>		BALLROOM C A Lifeline for Deadlines – Managing Mail, ERE, and More in the AI Era <i>Jonathan Frevola & Al Frevola</i>
3:00pm	BALLROOM B Functional Neurological Disorder (FND): Building Persuasive Disability Cases in a Complex and Misunderstood Diagnosis <i>Patricia L. McCabe</i>		BALLROOM C How Social Security Attorneys and ERISA Attorneys Can Help Each Other's Case <i>Eric Buchanan</i>
3:00pm	PAC Donor Reception <i>3:00pm – 5:00pm · Vienna Room</i>		
Evening	Optional City Sightseeing Tours		

Friday

October 16, 2026

Concurrent CLE Sessions · **Ballroom B** and **Ballroom C**

8:30am	BALLROOM B Building Social Security Disability Appeals That Survive Review <i>Desmond Griswold</i>	BALLROOM C Redetermination Under 405(u) for “Fraud or Similar Fault” <i>Ann Atkinson</i>
9:45am	BALLROOM B 2026 Case Update <i>Sarah Bohr & Jon Dubin</i>	BALLROOM C The VA Claim Hiding in Your SSDI File <i>Fritzie Vammen</i>
11:00am	BALLROOM B Cross-Examining the Medical Expert <i>Jacob Hugentobler</i>	BALLROOM C From Policy to Practice: The Appeals Council Since SSR 24-3p <i>Erica Cortizas</i>
Afternoon	Optional Adventure Sightseeing Tours	

Save the Dates for NOSSCR 2027 Conferences!

2027	Spring 2027 Tuesday 5/18/2027-Friday 5/21/2027 <i>Location to be announced during the 2026 Fall General Session</i>	Fall 2027 Monday 9/13/2027-Thursday 9/16/2027 <i>Location to be announced during the 2026 Fall General Session</i>
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