

Continuing Education for Social Security Vocational Experts and Representatives



IARP 2007 FORENSIC CONFERENCE “Don’t Gamble with Your Practice... Learn How to Play Your Cards Right!”

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Every year at the IARP Forensic Conference, Social Security VE’s gather and discuss the issues of the day. We network, mentor, learn, and tell our stories. From the IARP Forensic Conferences, a strong listserv has emerged for SSVEs so that the learning continues all year long. What DOT number do you use for this job? How would you respond to this hypothetical? Is your office electronic? Here is the latest on payment structure. There are many threads of interest.

IARP Forensic Conference is the only place where SSVEs from across the nation meet. This year we have four sessions of great interest to our community. First, we are honored to have the ODAR Chief Administrative Law Judge, Frank Cristaudo, coming in from Washington D.C. In his presentation, The Use, Questioning and Testimony of Vocational Experts in the Social Security Disability Hearing Process, Chief Judge Cristaudo will provide his views on the current and future role of VEs within the Social Security Disability Determination process; situations when VE input may be helpful; proper and improper questioning of VEs; application of SSR 00-4p; and the impact of the transition to the electronic folder.

There has been a trend among some reps and even judges, to request labor market research. What would constitute a valid LMS of...security guards....cashiers? John Berg, Carl Gann, Bob Taylor and Ann Neulicht conducted a national survey in 2006. VEs will be able to use the results of this research to support the use of Labor Market Research and its specific components as part of their methodology when challenged by counsel: Labor Market Search: Utilization of Labor Market Research and Employer Sampling by Vocational Experts.

Are you reviewing files at your own office? Learn how to protect them and earn ethics units too: Safeguarding Confidentiality: Best Practices for Electronic Communication and Data Storage, presented by Mary Barros-Bailey and Bob Barros-Bailey.

How often are you asked, as a VE, to offer an opinion about jobs that provide a sit/stand option or can be performed one-handed? Dr. Irmo Marini and associates will share, for the first time, results of employer opinion surveys along with a detailed list of jobs; and rationale and justification as to how certain jobs may be performed with these accommodations will be presented. This session, Empirical Validation of Performing Work with a Sit/Stand Option or Jobs Performed with One Arm, is a must for SS VE's.

Come and meet your SSVE peers, earn CEU’s, enjoy a fall break, and experience Las Vegas. See you there!

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