



NEW COURSE OFFERED AT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Paralegal Studies Program / School of Continuing Studies

Name of Course: Social Security Disability Law course – Fall 2016 – (August 2016 – December 2016)

Tuesday nights from 6:00 to 8:40 at the Uptown Campus

Open to all who interested in developing a solid working knowledge of Social Security Disability Law – lay persons, undergraduate students, law school students, medical school students, interns, legal secretaries, paralegals, lawyers and doctors.

Course will involve lectures, power points, guest speakers, class discussion, research papers, inventory examination, final examination and a mock Social Security Disability hearing.

Class is limited to 12 students.

The Social Security Disability Law course will cover such areas as Social Security Disability Law in general; Social Security Administration History and Organization; Office of Disability Adjudication and Review History and Organization; Procedural and Substantive Law; Right to Representation; Jurisdiction; Procedure; Application for Disability; Alleged Onset Date; Definition of Disability; Insured Status; Earnings Record; Quarters of Coverage; Durational Requirement; Drug and Alcohol Abuse; Closed Periods; Continuing Disability Reviews; Overpayments; Redeterminations; Listings; Grids; Five Step Sequential Evaluation; Burden of Proof; Electronic Disability and Video Telephonic Conference.

It will also cover duties and responsibilities of Administrative Law Judges (ALJs). ALJs conduct formal hearings involving cases where all interested parties are given advance notice of the hearing; an opportunity to submit facts, arguments, offers of settlement or proposals of adjustment; and, an opportunity to be accompanied, represented, and advised by counsel or other qualified representatives. ALJs rule on preliminary motions, conduct pre-hearing conferences, issue subpoenas, control hearings (which may include written and/or oral testimony and cross-examination), review briefs, and prepare and issue initial or recommended decisions, along with written findings of fact and conclusions of law therein. Oral or documentary evidence may be received, but irrelevant, immaterial, or unduly repetitious evidence is excluded. Decisions are issued upon consideration of the whole record, or those parts of it cited by a party and supported by and in accord with reliable, probative, and substantial evidence.

INSTRUCTOR

Judge Glynn F. Voisin is a graduate of Nicholls State University in History Prelaw, Louisiana State University in Public Management, Tulane University School of Law with honors and the National Judicial College in Administrative Law: Fair Hearings, Judicial Writing and Judicial Ethics.

He has served as a lawyer in good standing with the Louisiana State Bar Association for approximately 38 years, having served as an Attorney at Law, an Assistant District Attorney, Chief Indigent Defender, an Assistant Attorney General, a state workers compensation judge for 12 years and a federal administrative law judge for 12 years. In 2004, he retired as a state workers compensation judge. He currently serves as a new lawyer mentor for the Louisiana State Bar Association.

Judge Voisin has also served 28 years in the United States Marine Corps Reserve with 4 years of active duty and 24 years of reserve duty, including Vietnam and Desert Storm tours. In 1997, he retired from the Marine Corps Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Before being appointed a federal administrative law judge with the Social Security Administration, he served as an Adjunct Instructor at Nicholls State University for its Government 350 course entitled Administration of Justice; in its Legal Assistants Program and Camps and Conferences Program instructing Workers Compensation Law; and in its Police Academy Program instructing Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Evidence and Courtroom Demeanor. He also served as an Adjunct Instructor at Tulane University, University College Continuing Education program instructing Workers Compensation Law.

Since 2004, as a federal administrative law judge with the Social Security Administration, Judge Voisin has conducted 1000's of social security disability hearings in person and by video, in Louisiana and other states, utilizing innovative technology and have rendered dispositions in over 5000 social security disability cases. Last year, he rendered over 500 dispositions.

He has served as an interviewer for new federal administrative law judges for the Office of Personnel Management and for the Social Security Administration Office of Disability Adjudication and Review as well as an instructor and mentor for interns, and new and experienced federal administrative law judges. Additionally, he has served as a presenter and/or panel member for national educational conferences for experienced federal administrative law judges; and as a guest speaker and/or panel member for outreach programs for local, state, regional, national and international disability-related organizations, law schools, bar associations, claimants' representatives' organizations, law students' organizations and others. He has also served as the Regional Lead new federal administrative law judge Mentor for the Dallas Region as well as one of the new federal administrative law judge mentors on the National ALJ Mentoring Cadre. Additionally, he serves as one of the electronic bench book subject matter experts on the National Electronic Bench Book (eBB) workgroup as well as one of the national eBB ALJ instructors / mentors on the National Electronic Bench Book (eBB) Team.

From May 2005 to September 2013, Judge Voisin served as Chief Administrative Law Judge for the New Orleans Hearing Office as well as serving in other various expanded local, regional and national leadership roles. Under his leadership, the New Orleans Hearing Office was frequently recognized for its outstanding performance, and was frequently ranked in the top percentage of 160 hearing offices and hearing centers throughout the United States.

In 2012, Judge Voisin wrote an article with a Tulane intern entitled *A Primer on Social Security Disability Law* which will be published in the Fall 2016 edition of the Loyola Law Review.

In 2013, he stepped down as Chief Administrative Law Judge for the New Orleans Hearing Office to pursue other interests such as writing, teaching and spending more time with his family.

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