



*The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual FOSSCR Conference Is  
Dedicated To The Memory of*

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FOSSCR – 25th Anniversary  
February 23, 2018-February 24, 2018  
Le Meridian – Galleria  
Dallas, Texas



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**FOSSCR 2018 AGENDA**

**Friday, February 23, 2018**

7:15 – 8:00 a.m. – Continental Breakfast and Check-In

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. – Opening Remarks – Laura Sigaud Hernandez, 2018 FOSSCR President, John Driskill, Morgan & Weisbrod, L.L.P., 2017-2018 NOSSCR Vice-President.

8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – “Our Shared Mission” – Office of Hearings Operations (OHO), Regional Chief Administrative Law Judge, Joan Parks-Saunders (Dallas Region).

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. – Nancy Altman – Social Security Advisory Board (“SSAB”) Nancy will be providing a broad overview and history of SSAB and some of its works. She will also be discussing “Social Security Works” and a broad-based coalition which she chairs. Comments will include fighting for more SSA funding, timely determinations for claimants while not sacrificing their due process rights, and ongoing efforts to expand Social Security.

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – Break (Robin Ventura, Prevail Case Management Software)



10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. - Office of General Counsel –Simone Pereira Cain and Angeline Reese, Assistant Regional Counsels – “Ethical Responsibilities of Claimant Representatives.” Ms. Caine and Ms. Reese will provide a Power Point presentation highlighting applicable rules for claimants on SSA’s internet site, under the Social Security Act, Social Security Regulations, and SSA’s Program Operational Manual System (“POMS”), and SSA’s Hearings, Appeals, and Litigation Law (“HALLEX”). She will also discuss “affirmative duties” of Claimants representatives and prohibited conduct by Claimants representatives. Other topics will include: Grounds for sanctioning a Claimant’s Representative, Common Violations, Formal Sanction Proceedings, Sanctions Available (Suspension, Disqualification), Fees (Fees due to Attorney and Non-attorney representatives), the Fee Process, Avoiding Fee Violations, Updates since the 2015 FOSSCR Conference, and changes on the horizon.

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11:00 – 12:00 - U.S. Administrative Law Judge C.F. “Spike” Moore – and U.S. Administrative Law Judge Elizabeth Dunlap -



“Social Security Disability Jeopardy” – A Game on Social Security Disability Trivia – the Social Security Act, Regulations, Rulings, POMS, HALLEX, and more! Be ready to test your knowledge regarding old and new SSA Rulings, Regulations, caselaw, and other fun Agency policies! Judge Moore will also a discussion on SSA policy changes from an ALJ’s perspective and will provide guidance on how to best handle these procedures at your local OHO.

**12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. – Lunch – on your own – please see attached sheet for places in the Galleria area.**

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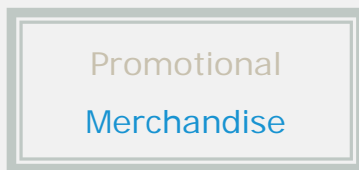


And . . . A Quick word from one of our sponsors!

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. – NOSSCR Update – “What’s Going on in Washington and Woodlawn?” - Stacy Cloyd, NOSSCR Deputy Director of Government Affairs.

2:30 – 4:00 p.m. – Mike Kelly, Morgan & Weisbrod, L.L.P. – “New Ideas for Cross-Examination of Vocational Experts.” This presentation will focus on the new availability of administratively recognized data online. In addition to the Dictionary of Occupational Titles, the Social Security Administration takes administrative notice of job data in the County Business Patterns and the Occupational Outlook Handbook. Mike will demonstrate how to locate the job data online and how to search the sources for updated information about how the jobs are performed in the national economy. The presentation will also discuss other sources of vocational information, such as the Selected Characteristics of Jobs in the DOT, the Revised Handbook for Analyzing Jobs, and the O\*Net. These sources either describe or define tasks in a work contact and are invaluable for developing hypothetical questions. Finally, this presentation will discuss how to submit this evidence within the confines of the new five-day rule under Social Security Ruling 17-4p.

4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. – Break – Coffee/Afternoon snacks and a brief word from:



4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. - Attorney Bill Fouche – “Appealing to Federal Court: Issues and Considerations.” Bill will speak about trending issues in the Fifth Circuit and how to capitalize on them in federal court.

Topics will include:

- Implications of *Kneeland v. Berryhill*, 830 F.3d 749 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2017);
- Standard of Review;
- Prejudicial Error;
- The ALJ’s duty to explain
- Do increases in the volume of federal court filings warrant a change in appellate strategy?

5:30 p.m. – Session ends.

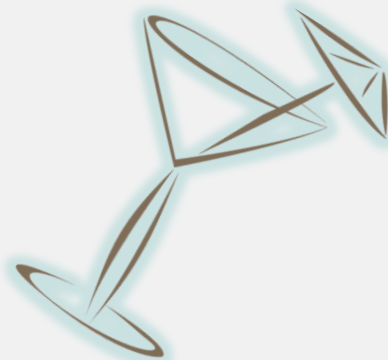
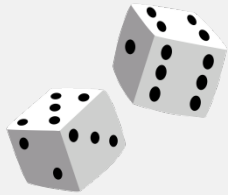


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FRIDAY EVENING 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

## FOSSCR 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COCKTAIL RECEPTION

6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.-- “CASINO NIGHT” -ROARING 20’S “RAGTIME” STYLE –  
\*COSTUMES OPTIONAL! THERE WILL BE A **COSTUME CONTEST** AND A PRIZE  
FOR BEST ROARING 20’S WEAR. COMPLIMENTARY WINE/CHAMPAGNE FOR  
THE FIRST HOUR, THERE WILL ALSO BE HORS D’OEUVRES AND CAKE. CASINO  
WILL FEATURE 4 TABLES – BLACKJACK, POKER (TEXAS HOLD ‘EM), CRAPS, &  
ROULETTE -FOR LIMITED AMOUNT OF PRIZES ONLY; AND A PHOTO BOOTH!



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**Saturday, February 24, 2018**

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – Continental Breakfast/FOSSCR Business Meeting and Breakfast – If you have any interest in serving in FOSSCR, this is your opportunity to get involved.

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – Paul Burkhalter, Morgan & Weisbrod, L.L.P. – “Five Days or Forever” – Part II: “New” and Old Ethical Rules confronting the Social Security Disability Attorneys and Their Monkeys.” Paul will provide a 3-part discussion on Social Security Rules of Conduct for Representatives as outlined in Social Security Ruling 17-4p. He will also discuss the ABA model rules, State Ethic Rules for Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi and provide real life samples and solutions. Lastly, Paul will discuss ethical aspirations (“who matters?”, “Where does it end?”, “Faith and Justice.”).

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. – Break

10:15 – 11:30 a.m. – Panel of Vocational Experts – Facilitated by Mike Kelly, Esq. with Vocational Experts, Tom Irons, Ed.D. , Todd Harden, and Jennifer Stone. The Vocational Experts will provide their perspectives on what exemplifies effective cross examination and provide specific examples. They will also provide information to members regarding what vocational sources they rely on and how to apply them to cross-examination.

11:35 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. - Dean Aslinia, Ph.D. - “Disability Evaluations Under Social Security: Understanding the Categories & How the Most Common Disorders are Assessed.” The Social Security Administration has many categories of classification for mental disorders. Special focus will be provided on intellectual disabilities, somatic symptom & related disorders. The seminar will also differentiate between the MCMI-IV, MMPI-2, MBMD, P3 and other psychological assessments.

END OF SESSION.

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**\*\*\*\*\*NON-ATTORNEY REPRESENTATIVES:**

**When & How to Report Confirmation of Completing the  
Continuing Education Requirements for Non-Attorney (EDPNA) Representatives**

The Fiscal Year 2018 Continuing Education Requirements are posted on the following link:  
<https://secure.cpshr.us/ssa/Education.asp>

In the first quarter of each calendar year, SSA<sup>1</sup> will announce on its website (<https://secure.cpshr.us/ssa/HowToReachUs.asp>) the courses you must take. You may use courses completed during the fourth quarter of the previous calendar year (October - December) to satisfy the 2018 CE requirements, however SSA cannot guarantee the acceptability of these courses until after the continuing education requirements have been announced as stated above. According to SSA, **you will have until September 30 of each year to complete the courses. Once you have completed the courses you must send confirmation to be reviewed and approved, to SSA through [ssa@cpshr.us](mailto:ssa@cpshr.us) or mailing address<sup>2</sup> no later than October 31 of each year.** You must wait until you take all the courses before you send confirmation to SSA. You must provide the following information:

- Title of course
- Description of the course(s)
- Date the course(s) was completed
- The organization that provided the course

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<sup>1</sup> Through CPS HR Consulting.

<sup>2</sup> CPS HR Consulting, SSA Eligible for Direct Payment Non-Attorney (EDPNA) Representation, 2450 Del Paso Road, Ste. 220, Sacramento, CA 95834. *“Please do not send personally identifiable information (PII) via Email.”*

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