

Noon Time Legal Seminar, Tuesday, August 20, 2019

12:00-1:00 pm \$30 Attorneys (MCLE); \$15 Public

Nevada County Superior Court, Law Library, 201 Church Street, Nevada City

**Navigating a Sea of Benefits:
*How to Keep Financially Afloat Following A Workplace Injury or
Disabling Medical Condition***

Presented by Kim LaValley & Kyle Adamson – Gold Country Workers’ Comp Center

Open to attorneys and the general public. Attorneys will receive one hour of MCLE credit. To enroll, please call 530-265-7161 or email Law.Library@nccourt.net. Arrive by 11:45 a.m. to complete registration.

Medical conditions can interfere with or even end a person’s ability to earn money. That is the definition of disability. Besides health having its own value in life, medical conditions are often at the root of many financial problems that generate legal problems – bankruptcy, divorce, and even criminal behavior. Attorneys need to be aware of when medical issues are affecting a person’s legal “health” to better serve their client’s needs.

This program will provide those in attendance with a basic grasp of how various federal, state, and county level social programs and regulatory schemes work, such as workers’ compensation insurance, SSDI/SSI, and short-term disability insurance (SDI), as well as the benefits each program provides. Also covered is what and when the practitioner should consider coordination of each benefit source, and how to recognize additional claims and causes of action. The basics of the application process for each program will also be discussed as well as when a referral to a specialist is indicated. This awareness allows us to provide needed advice and referrals for clients that could materially improve their lives and their ability to support themselves.

About the Presenters

Kim LaValley has worked in and around courthouses since 1966 and opened and operated the jury investigations service in San Joaquin and Stanislaus County to put himself through college at the University of the Pacific. He has practiced law since 1977, except for a hiatus during which time he opened and operated two successful businesses in the Reno/Tahoe area giving him the employer’s perspective, too. He has focused on Workers’ Compensation and Social Security Disability/SSI law for 30+ years. Much of his practice is working Pro Bono advising and counseling people with medical issues that are either partially or totally disabling.

Kim started practicing law in Nevada County about 8 years ago. For the past 3+ years, he has lived here in Nevada City and has an office in Miner’s Village. This year he and Kyle Adamson formed the Gold Country Workers Comp Center, P.C.

Kyle Adamson was admitted to practice law in 2015 and, shortly thereafter, opened his first law office in Nevada City, focusing on the provision of affordable representation in the areas of real property and business law. Since law school, when Kyle represented undocumented immigrants as a Certified Student Attorney, he has remained committed to providing access to justice for individuals at the margins. Kyle’s new law firm, Gold Country Workers’ Comp Center, P.C., which he established with co-presenter Kim LaValley, continues to advance these values through the representation of injured workers and disabled individuals alike.

Kyle currently serves as an at-large member of the Nevada County Bar Association’s Executive Committee, and previously served as an at-large member of Northern California Lawyer Access, Inc.’s Board of Directors.