Federal Bar Association Webinars

SOCIAL SECURITY MAXIMIZATION

Sponsoring Entity: Federal Career Service Division

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This course provides federal employees with the essential information they need to get the most from their Social Security benefits. Participants will learn how Social Security eligibility differs under CSRS and FERS, how to build a Social Security plan for retirement, and how claiming age affects both monthly and lifetime benefits. The course explains strategies for married couples, including spousal and survivor benefits, and how cost-of-living increases grow benefits over time. It also covers how Social Security and Medicare work together, including Part B premiums, and the "how to" of claiming benefits once ready.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- ✓ How Social Security Works for CSRS and FERS Employees
- ✓ How Claiming Age Affects Your Lifetime Benefits
- ✓ Strategies for Married Couples: Spousal and Survivor Benefits
- ✓ How Social Security and Medicare Work Together
- ✓ How to Build Your Social Security Plan
- ✓ How Cost-of-Living Increases Grow Your Benefit
- ✓ The "How To" of Claiming Your Benefit

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