

It is very important that you keep us advised of any change in your condition or treatment so that we can obtain and submit all of the evidence necessary to prove your claim.

We are always ready to speak with you to answer your questions. When you call, if one of us is not immediately available, please leave a detailed question so that we can be prepared to answer it when we call back. Since our attorneys are in court almost every day, we have a staff that is well trained and experienced to answer most questions. They know the answer you seek or how to get it. Appointments to speak with the attorneys are always accepted and you will be given the earliest date and time possible.

There are very strict time limits in filing appeals. **You have only 60 days to appeal a Social Security decision.**

Failure to appeal within that time may cause you to lose valuable rights under the Social Security Act..

If you have a new accident or injury during the time your claim is pending, it is very important to notify us immediately. You may be entitled to additional benefits under other benefit programs. Additionally, other types of claims, such as workers' compensation or other personal injury claims, can impact your claim and the amount of your benefits.

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Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Benefits can be paid to anyone who has a qualifying disability and also meets other nonmedical requirements.

To be disabled you must have a medical problem that interferes with your ability to work and has lasted or is expected to last at least one year or result in death. For children, the medical problem must seriously interfere with the child's ability to function as unimpaired to unimpaired children.

Our firm's practice emphasizes representing claimants before the Social Security Administration.

Our attorneys and staff are dedicated to securing the benefits to which our clients are entitled as quickly as possible.

We can tell you what you need to know about Social Security

Applications can be filed for benefits online at Social Security's website at www.ssa.gov or by calling 1-800-772-1213. We can also file the claim for you in our office. We encourage you to contact us before filing so that we can advise you about your potential rights and benefits and the information needed to file the claim properly.

All initial consultations are **free**. There is no fee to speak with one of our attorneys about your potential claim.

Once we accept your claim for representation, there is no fee unless we obtain benefits for you. All fees must be approved by Social Security and no fee greater than that approved will be charged.

The fee will be no more than 25% of retroactive benefits. The fee may be lower than 25% in many cases but will never be more than that. Also there is no filing fee.

Although the firm does not charge for our expenses, any fees required by your medical providers for records or reports will be your responsibility to pay. We work very hard to keep these costs as low as possible and to advise you in advance of any fees your doctors' offices may charge. You can help us help you by asking for records at each doctor visit.

There are several steps in a Social Security Disability claim and the appeals process can be long and complicated. After an initial claim, if not approved, you have the right to a Reconsideration, a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge and a Review by the Appeals Council. After the administrative appeals process, you have the right to file an appeal in the United States Federal District Court. Due to heavy Social Security case loads and government backlogs, claims can sometimes take years to resolve favorably.