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Our Social Security disability lawyer will guide you through the process of applying for benefits in Bellevue or filing an appeal if your application is denied.

Bellevue Social Security Disability Lawyer

Living and coping with the limitations of a physical or cognitive disability can be difficult. Applying for Social Security Disability (SSD) benefits can add to the anxiety and frustration of your current condition. The lengthy process means choosing the appropriate benefits program and documenting your disability, its severity, and its anticipated duration.

Our Bellevue Social Security Disability lawyer at ABC Disability Lawyers will help you understand SSD's requirements and ensure your application is comprehensive and complete. We also explain the medical and monthly financial benefits you could be entitled to receive and will guide you through an effective appeal if your request for benefits is denied.

ABC Disability Lawyers Can Help You Understand the SSD Benefits Process

If you are unable to work because of a disability, you could be eligible for SSD benefits that will cover the costs of medical care required to treat your condition. You will also receive monthly financial benefits based on your pre-disability income or on your demonstrated financial need depending on which program you apply for.

When our Social Security Disability lawyer in Bellevue, PA represents you, we make sure you understand:

- What SSA guidelines consider a disabling condition
- How long the application process generally takes
- When you can expect to get benefits once approved
- Review your initial application or letter of denial
- Identify any missing personal or medical evidence
- File an application for appeal on your behalf

Our goal is to ensure you get all the benefits you are entitled to receive, so our SSD lawyer will clarify **if you can collect Social Security retirement and disability at the same time.**

Applying for Disability Is a Multiple Stage Process

At ABC Disability Lawyers, our Social Security Disability attorney in Bellevue understands the stress of applying for disability and the frustration of having your application denied. We can help you navigate the complex process of acquiring the medical and financial support you need.

Application

The application phase of your case can involve a mountain of paperwork. You will be required to provide copies of:

- Personal information including your birth certificate, Social Security card, family dynamics, and your bank's routing and account numbers
- Medical evidence including medical records, clinical and laboratory test results, contact information for your health care provider, and a written diagnosis
- Work history including recent income, employer information, military service records, if applicable, and most recent job history

Our legal team will review these documents prior to their being submitted for benefits or as part of the appeals process.

Appeal

The appeals process involves four stages. Our lawyer will ensure you understand each stage of the appeals process and how we help at each phase. They include:

- Reconsideration — if you believe your application was unfairly denied, the first stage of the appeals process is having it reconsidered. Your request will be reviewed by a new and impartial set of eyes who will reassess your application and issue their own finding.
- Hearing by an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) — An ALJ will further review your application and any new evidence it contains. The Judge will not have been part of your case prior to this hearing which can be conducted online.
- Appeals Council review — if you do not agree with the ALJ's decision, you can have it reconsidered by an Appeals Council. The Council will either reaffirm the ALJ's decision, send your case back to the ALJ for reconsideration, or make its own determination on your eligibility.
- Federal Court review — this is essentially a civil lawsuit you file in a Federal district court. This is the final stage of the appeals process, must be conducted in person, and cannot be further appealed.

You should be aware that the state of Pennsylvania recently reinstated its reconsideration stage for disability appeals. It requires you to wait for a denial from the reconsideration phase before requesting a hearing with an ALJ.

How to Prove Your Eligibility for SSD Benefits

Social Security Administration (SSA) officials offer medical and financial benefits via two programs. When you apply for [SSD](#) benefits because a disability impedes you from working to support yourself, the first step is to know which program to apply for.

SSD benefits programs include:

- Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) offers benefits to disabled individuals who meet the basic eligibility requirements. You should apply for SSDI benefits if you worked long and recently enough and paid SSD insurance during your employment.
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) offers benefits for disabled individuals who do not qualify for SSDI benefits but have little or no financial or other resources or assets by which they can support themselves.
- Concurrent benefits are provided to disabled individuals who qualify for SSDI benefits but whose resulting monthly payments are low enough to fit the income threshold for SSI qualification.

SSDI and SSI do not use the same application. Our law firm will ensure you use the right application for each program or when applying for concurrent benefits.

Reviews From Previous SSD Clients

At ABC Disability Lawyers, we work hard to earn 5-star reviews from every client we represent. Our previous client reviews and testimonials include the following:

- Melinda Neyer: Social Security denied disability benefits for my daughter three times. Attorney XXX and Legal Assistant, XXX, and staff were very professional yet caring. They seem to take a personal interest in my daughter and her case.
- George Sembrot: ABC Disability Lawyers go the extra mile and put the extra work in for their clients. They are the ones to call in your time of need. I am always referring folks to them when someone asks if I know of any disability lawyers.

We never stop fighting for the clients we represent. Hear from additional SSD clients and watch video testimonials [on our reviews page](#).

Contact One of Our SSD Team Members for Your Free Consultation

If you are overwhelmed by the SSD application process or are unsure of what to do because your application for benefits was denied, we can help. Our Social Security Disability lawyer serving Bellevue can review your application, explain how to file an appeal, and walk you through the process from start to finish.

Get started with a free review from one of our ABC Disability Lawyers consultation team members today.

References: