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Our Diversity Helps Us Help Our Clients

This year is the 80th Anniversary of Social Security. Social Security offers vital financial protection to nearly ALL American workers and their families regardless of race, gender, or ethnicity. If they face serious disability, illness, or injury before reaching retirement age, they will receive a monthly benefit.



As a leading Social Security Disability law firm, at Insler & Hermann we believe that our workforce should reflect the diversity of our clients. Our workforce is therefore a mix of genders, race, religion, age and ethnic backgrounds. This is one of the many essential ingredients that contribute to our ongoing success in helping our clients receive the disability benefits they rightly deserve.

Our diverse experiences allows us to have a greater understanding and a compassionate perspective on the challenges our clients face. We help all of our clients by drawing from our employees' different backgrounds, perspectives and abilities and tapping into those talents. Our diverse body of talent also brings fresh ideas and perspectives into our firm every day.

We understand that diversity is no longer just a black/white, male/female, old/young issue. Diversity is about how we relate, connect, interact and our ability to provide assistance and communicate effectively with our diverse range of clients.

We recognize that no client is the same and thus handle every claim differently. Our diverse backgrounds combined with our legal expertise enables us to build relationships with our clients as we help them during a difficult period in their lives.

New Medical Evidence Rules Can Hurt Your Social Security Disability Claim

What This Means For Your SSD Claim

In a nutshell, this means that while in the past a person applying for SSD/SSI benefits only had to provide evidence that helped prove they are disabled; now they are required to provide information or submit evidence that may not help their claim or may not even be directly related to the conditions that are claimed to be disabling. For example, you might be claiming disability due to a heart problem but you also see doctors for sleep apnea or diabetes. Even if you don't claim those other conditions are disabling you, you must now make Social Security aware of them.

How We Help



Simply put, the new regulations require that we assist our client in obtaining information and evidence that must be submitted under the Social Security Regulations. Because we now have the duty to provide all medical records that come into our possession, regardless of whether it is material to a disability or not, we cannot contact treating sources with requests to offer opinions about a disability without being absolutely certain that their opinion will be supportive of a claim.

Even though these new regulations seem designed to justify denials and cause delays in the processing of claims, the attorneys and staff at Insler & Hermann, LLP remain committed to doing everything necessary to establish our clients' claims for disability and make sure that those claims move through the claims process as quickly as possible.

Don't Be The Subject of a Social Security Fraud Investigation

The Social Security Administration is becoming more aggressive investigating and prosecuting fraud. If the SSA finds that you knowingly, withheld, misrepresented or lied about any facts



pertaining to your claim you can be prosecuted for fraud. And believe it or not you can be prosecuted even if you were DENIED benefits, if you were found to be trying to file a fraudulent claim.

A simple rule is don't misrepresent or omit any facts when dealing with Social Security or discussing your case with your attorney.

Someone convicted of benefit fraud could face:

- A fine of up to \$100,000 or
- A prison sentence, of up to 15 years, or both
- Civil penalties
- A criminal record
- Being named and shamed in the local media.
- Having to pay back all the money they received plus court costs

**Remember
ALL Benefit Fraud is a Crime.**

**Here is our advice: Always Be Honest When Applying for Disability or
Speaking With Your Attorney About Your Claim.**

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What are you waiting for? Let us help you start receiving the benefits you deserve today.

We are so confident in our abilities that we will not charge you a fee unless we win your case.

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