

Social Security Disability Law



What is Social Security Disability Law?

Social Security Disability attorneys assist clients in the Social Security Disability Insurance application and appeals processes. Social Security Disability attorneys advise clients regarding their applications, collect medical evidence and sort through medical records to determine the best evidence, communicate with the Social Security Administration on behalf of their clients, file appeals in the case that an initial application for benefits is denied, and provide assistance during Social Security claims hearings before administrative law judges ([Disability Benefits](#)).

Social Security Disability attorneys are especially important in the appeals process. Social Security attorneys might also assist in cases in which a client's benefits have been reduced by the Social Security Administration. Such cases can also be challenged through an appeals process that may include a hearing before an administrative law judge ([Joyce](#), [Disability Benefits](#)).

Social Security Disability attorneys are experts in administrative law and the Social Security Act. The [Social Security Act](#) was passed in 1935 to establish payroll-tax-funded pension fund for retirees. It has since been amended several times to include disability, survivor, and dependent benefits. ([Grover](#)).

Where Do Social Security Disability Lawyers Work?

Government

Social Security Administration—[Legal Careers](#)

Private Sector

Large national firms with Social Security Disability Claims sections

Small or solo firms

What Classes Should I Take?

Administrative Law
Appellate Advocacy
Civil Rights
Elder Law
Health Law Survey
Insurance Law
Trial Advocacy

Social Security Disability Law Resources



Resume Boosters for Social Security Disability Law

Intern or extern with a lawyer that specializes in Social Security Disability cases

[Intern with the Social Security Administration](#)

Get related experience by taking the Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic, participating in the Health Law Track of Alternative Spring Break, or volunteering with [Disability Rights Tennessee](#)

Professional Associations

American Bar Association

All University of Memphis law students have free membership to the [American Bar Association](#). Their website provides routinely updated information and interest-specific career advice. Join different sections to find out what they offer. Check out [Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Section](#) and the Health and Disability & Life Insurance Committee in the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section

National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives

The [National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives](#) is a specialized association for attorneys and advocates who represent Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Income claimants throughout the adjudicative process. Members receive research assistance, access to CLEs, and a resource

Social Security Disability Law Links

["Social Security Disability Practice"](#)

This article by Erin Schmidt provides an overview of the practice of a Social Security Disability attorney. April 2, 2019, American Bar Association.

[Health and Disability Insurance Law Podcast](#)

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