If you are injured or suffer from an illness you may be entitled to receive Social Security Disability Benefits prior to reaching your social security full retirement age. This is in addition to any Workers’ Compensation or other benefits you may be entitled to receive. You need to show that you have previously worked in five out of the 10 years prior to becoming disabled and have insured status. (unless you are under the age of 31).

You must also show that you have not worked (or that it is anticipated that you will not be able to work) for at least 12 consecutive months due to your disability.

Understanding Social Security Disability
An application for benefits can be filed when you stop working. Your disability can be work-related or non-work-related, or a combination of work injuries and other conditions. Disability can be based upon physical or emotional impairments. All injuries, illnesses, conditions, diseases and impairments must be viewed together in determining eligibility for Social Security Disability.

If you are entitled to Social Security Disability Benefits?

RECENT VICTORIES FOR OUR CLIENTS

Benefits awarded to 47-year-old baggage handler who injured his left knee. We overcame testimony from expert doctor that client could do a desk job when we proved he was required to take medication that would make him too tired.

48-year-old operating engineer with Carpal Tunnel Syndrome awarded Social Security Disability Benefits and benefits for his children.

55-year-old mechanic with lung disease awarded Social Security Disability Benefits because we proved he cannot be exposed to dust and fumes.

Benefits awarded to a 53-year-old man out of work for 13 years after we proved he was continuously disabled for 10 years.

Benefits awarded to 42-year-old office worker with a lifelong genetic condition that causes high fever and nausea only 8-10 days per month, while the rest of the month he suffers no symptoms.

Benefits awarded to 46-year-old waitress who developed a painful foot condition.

Benefits awarded to 43-year-old woman who suffered lack of concentration and attention, with dizziness following auto accident.
Social Security Disability can be received at the same time as Workers’ Compensation, Long Term Disability, Municipal Disability Retirement Pension or Union Disability Pension, subject to certain ceilings. Medicare coverage is provided to the disabled worker after receiving Social Security Disability for two years. Dependents receive additional benefits on the wage earner’s account.

Other disorders, such as Lyme Disease, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy and Fibromyalgia also may provide the basis for filing a claim.

Social Security Disability Benefits have been awarded to people with many different types of conditions. The way a medical condition affects a specific person’s ability to work is more important to the determination than the diagnosis.

Other Rights & Remedies

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It is important to consult with a lawyer at our firm. We are here to help you understand your rights and to assist you in taking all the necessary steps to ensure you receive all the benefits to which you are entitled.

Your injury or illness need not be job related to get Social Security Disability Benefits. Your disability can be based upon work-related or non work-related conditions. All of your conditions will be considered to determine if you are disabled.