

## *When & How Will Social Security Start Paying My Disability Benefits?*

### **The Details of Payment**

Once our clients have been approved for Social Security Benefits, the next process that they want some answer on is when they will start receiving their benefits, how payments will be disbursed, and how long am I eligible.

Many people don't realize this, but under law, those that have been awarded disability are not eligible to receive those benefits until they have been disabled for a minimum of five full months. As such, payments usually start . . . Click [Here](#) to read more.

## *Health Tip of the Month:*

### **Heart Month**



February is Heart Month! Did you know heart disease is the leading most cause of death in men and women in the United States? What's even more important is that heart disease is preventable. Make a few small changes in your lifestyle, and you could see some very large changes in your life.

Walk once a day, eat salad instead of pasta, work in the garden, and/or go to your doctor for your annual visit. Staying on top of your health will not only keep you healthy longer, it'll improve your quality of life and allow you to spend more time with those you love.

## ***A Thank You Message From Our Client:***

Last month, we had a very heartfelt message from one of our clients, Linda, who is a Veteran with an amazing work history and a life-story to tell. Linda is the type of client makes us proud of what we do; she has worked hard her entire life and served her country and paid her taxes; and when the time came for her to take care of her health and receive back benefits that she had PAID INTO from her years of hard work, SSA denied her benefits (typical!). We were proud to have our hearing claims advocate, Patrice Callahan, take Linda to a SSA hearing and argue her disability case before an ALJ and receive a fully favorable decision. Of course, as gracious as Linda is, she sent us this wonderful message after receiving her winning decision from the SSA Judge:

***Greetings,***

***I just wanted you to know that I am tremendously grateful and in appreciation for you and the team that helped me win my hearing yesterday. Patrice, Asia, Amanda and everyone who did anything for me in this journey. In Patrice's own words to me after the hearing, "We got it!" And then she complimented me on my testimony. I seriously was not at all sure what had happened. At one point when the judge asked me about my injury or something to do with being discharged for the injury, I fell into PTSD. So, I was not sure how the rest of what I testified meant. I just answered the questions full of truth and feeling. Sara, I realized later that what I felt the most was not necessarily a win in terms of money, although I am absolutely relieved to have support, but that I was seen and heard as a disabled veteran. Having done the best I could in everything including at the VA, and that somewhere in all of that others actions have responsibility too but I am not responsible to carry their burden of responsibility in their actions when it involves not accommodating a disabled veteran for gainful employment. I will use this feeling and freedom now in pursuing my VA claim. It sure has given me a boost of awareness and honesty toward myself and given me a sense of my own identity and peace of mind back.***

***Thank You Immensely!***

***As I do not have Patrice's, and the others who helped me along the way in this direct e-mails, please make sure Patrice and they get this.***

***Much Appreciation and Heart felt Gratitude,***

***- Linda***

Thank you Linda for your years of service to your country and for trusting us to guide you through this overwhelming process!

***Happy Valentine's Day:  
Wishing You Lots of Love***

"Love surrounds us like light. We are warmed by the charm of our devotion." ~Anonymous

The staff here at The Khaki Law Firm hopes your Valentine's Day was filled with lots of love and laughter this year!

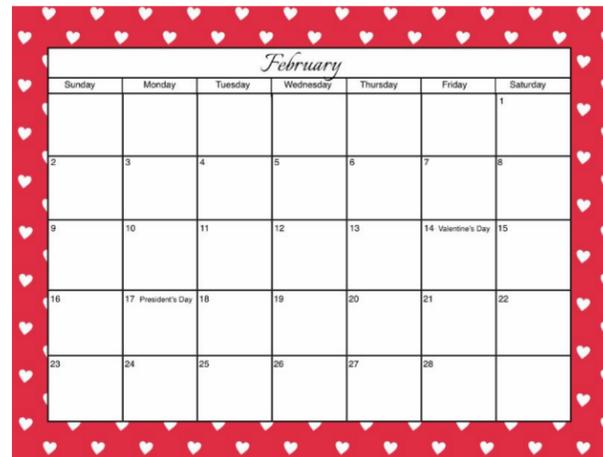


***Sara Khaki Named Super Lawyers Rising Star  
For Second Year In A Row***

We are so excited to announce that our own Sara Khaki has been included on the list of Super Lawyers Rising Star for the second year in a row. Only 2.5% of all Georgia lawyers receive this prestigious award, and we are proud that Sara has been considered part of this group.

***Calendar of Events:  
February 2017***

- February 1: In Court, Atlanta, GA
- February 2: In Court, Atlanta, GA  
In court, Augusta, GA
- February 7: In Court, Atlanta, GA
- February 8: In Court, Atlanta, GA
- February 9: In Court, Atlanta, GA
- February 13: In Court, Gainesville, GA
- February 14: In Court, Atlanta, GA
- February 15: In Court, Savannah, GA  
In Court, Covington, GA
- February 16: In Court, Atlanta, GA
- February 22: In Court, Atlanta, GA
- February 23: In Court, Atlanta, GA
- February 24: In Court, Franklin, TN
- February 28: In Court, Atlanta, GA



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