

Preparing for your Social Security Disability Interview: What Will Be Asked



When you take the initial steps to apply for disability benefits, it is important to know what types of questions you can expect during the Social Security Disability interview. Since this can feel like an overwhelming situation, we hope this will help you feel prepared and ready to go for your appointment. The next couple of paragraphs address different types of questions you can expect in your interview.

Obviously, you are applying because you have a physical or mental condition that keeps you from working. The interviewers will ask . . . [Read More.](#)

Celebrating International Women's Day: A Message From Our Client

International Women's Day is a celebration of women's achievement in all aspects of life - social, economic, cultural, and political. The World Economic Forum estimates that the gender gap won't close until 2186. The goal of the organization that promotes International Women's Day is to accelerate change and progress. That requires people - men and women - to unite and be the vehicle for change. This year's theme was #BeBoldForChange. A little action taken by a lot of people can bring monumental change.



In honor of International Women's Day, a client shared with us his experience with our firm. We're honored to be considered some of those women that can be a driving force in change.

Sara, Asia, Patrice and all others at the Khaki Law Firm,

Thank you so very much for everything you have done for me for my disability hearing. I am so very impressed by your skill, intelligence, professionalism and character that I felt the need, especially celebrating International Women's Day, to let you know the impact you have had on my life.

Regardless of the result, everyone at the firm made me feel like a priority and from my first call with Sara until my last call with Asia helping me while I was lost driving to the hearing, I felt like I was in the best hands possible. Thank you.

I not only thank you, but I truly honor you and the contributions you make to improve the quality of people's lives. You are heroes and inspirations for not only all women, but to everyone who values professionalism, intelligence, dedication and compassion. God Bless you all and continued success and prosperity to you all.

*Sincerely and humbly,
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Team 100 Launch: New to The Khaki Law Firm



We are excited to announce the launch of our Team 100 Referral system. We are building a referral list of 100 businesses in the local area that our firm has personally spoken to and trust will provide the best quality of service to our clients.

If you need a referral for legal or non-legal needs, contact our office. Those approved to be on our Team 100 list get the added benefit of having access to our list as well. In addition, we are excited to have the opportunity to feature Team 100 businesses in our newsletter.

Team 100 Feature: Becky Berry Career Coaching



Becky Berry is the owner of Becky Berry LLC where she coaches women who are at crossroads in their lives. She has experienced several crossroads in her own life including careers as magazine publisher, software entrepreneur, stay-at-home, social entrepreneur, and, most recently, widowhood. Those experiences give her deep insights into how women can discover and access meaningful careers.

Becky has a talent for guiding women to think about careers they would never consider. Since she has had multiple careers in multiple industries, she understands how overwhelming it is to find the next career. When Becky and her husband made the decision for her to stay at home and

raise their son, she had no idea what it would be like to re-enter the workforce 12 years later!

She learned that figuring out what was next boiled down to 3 things: (1) figuring out who she was at that moment, (2) figuring out what she wanted, and (3) figuring out how to go after it. So she did. Now Becky coaches women through the same process. Becky works with clients both locally and remotely.

Becky currently serves on the Education Committee of the STAR House Foundation in Roswell. You can find out more about her and her coaching at beckyberrycoach.com.



Patrice's Success Stories: From the Courtroom



This client success story sticks out to us because of her spirit. She has a "it's not over until the fat lady sings" mentality, and even then it's not over. We'll call her Ms. Smith. Ms. Smith originally contacted us at the end of 2014, and we subsequently closed her case due to no contact. We later found out it was because she was homeless and moving from couch to couch. However, she persevered, and we were able to complete the intake process in late February 2015.

Ms. Smith has worked as a server on and off for over 27 years. She was considered a full time employee which gave her health benefits, but she didn't actually make

enough to pay co-pays and deductibles for the medical treatment she so desperately needed. Eventually, she had to leave her job due to her medical situation. Unfortunately, because of the cost, she wasn't able to get regular treatment which is very important when applying for disability.

We had a lot of things against us in this case: only 2 hospital visit records, 1 physical consultative examination. Both were unfavorable for our client. Going into our pre-hearing conference, we knew we had to prepare Ms. Smith for the big challenge we had ahead. We told her that we were going to argue that she met the GRID rules - meaning that she was over 55, and it would take more than minimal vocational adjustments for her to learn a new job.

During the hearing, Ms. Smith testified that she couldn't afford the co-pays and deductibles of the health insurance that she had, she was homeless which is why there were no medical records around her onset date, and that her last employer made work accommodations for her. While the judge asked if we would agree to amend the onset date, we said we would not based on all this information plus the fact that she meets the GRID rules. In addition, when the client was proposed hypothetical scenarios, it was clear that there were no gainful employment opportunities for her. The judge really seemed receptive to our arguments, and we left feeling really good about the case despite the facts that were so tough to overcome. Two weeks later, we received a fully favorable decision due to the fact that she was found disabled under the GRID rule 202.06. Ms. Smith couldn't be more pleased, and neither could we. Despite insurmountable circumstances, we prevailed, and Ms. Smith's life is permanently changes for the better. She can now afford to start getting the regular medical treatment she needs.

**“Strength grows
in the moments
when you think
you can't go on
but you keep
going anyway.”**

Happy St. Patty's Day!



Did you know St. Patrick's day is in honor of Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland? It's held on the day it's believe he died. It was considered a religious holiday until the 1970's when Ireland passed laws to allow alcohol be served. Since then, it's become more of a celebration of the Irish culture.

Calendar of Events:

March 2017

March 2nd: In Court, Chattanooga, TN
 March 6th: In Court, Nashville, TN
 In Court, Rome, GA
 March 7th: In Court, Atlanta, GA
 March 8th: In Court, Covington, GA
 March 10th: In Court, Atlanta, GA
 March 16th: In Court, Savannah, GA
 March 21st: In Court, Rome, GA
 March 27th: In Court, Gainesville, GA
 March 28th: In Court, Covington, GA

MARCH 2017						
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27	28	29	30	31	1	2

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