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What Your Status Update at the Social Security Hearing Level Means:



If you have received a denial at both the initial and the reconsideration level, you will then appeal the decision to the hearing level. This is when you and your representative will have the opportunity to go before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) in court. What many people don't know is that once you reach the hearing level, there are still several steps that must be taken both before and after your hearing date.

Each step is at a certain status. The SSA and your representative's office will keep you informed of what status your case is in; however, this process

. . . read more <u>here</u>.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month: A Personal Story on the Importance of Mammograms



When I was 12 years old, my mom was diagnosed with breast cancer that had spread to a large number of her lymphnodes, and she was given a 20% chance of survival. Back then the disease was not as commonly known as it is today, and treatments were not as advanced as they are today, thus the survival rate was not as high either. She underwent a mastectomy, chemo, radiation, and she even lost a large portion of her hair. But in the end, she beat the odds that were stacked

against her and survived, and so did the rest of our family with her.

Today, my mom is living a healthier and more fulfilling life than ever, and her illness made us all stronger and gave us more clarity on the precious time we have in this world. So we are very thankful for the experience, but it could have been avoided. About six to eight months prior to my mom's diagnosis, I clearly remember she was complaining of severe pain and discomfort in her chest area with an itch that would keep her awake at night. She put up with this discomfort for six to eight months before she saw a doctor. When she was finally diagnosed with terminal breast cancer, the oncologist told her that if she had come in for a check up when her first symptoms started her survival rate would have been much higher. And had she come in for routine mammograms, the cancer would not have even spread to her lymph nodes and it would never had turned deadly.

It's easy to say you'll get to it later, but later can turn out to be too late. The best chance at beating breast cancer is to catch it early, so it's important to get regular exams and mammograms.

1 in 8 women born in the United States will get breast cancer. It's the second most common type of cancer in women. What some people forget is that men can get breast cancer too - 1 in 1000 men in the United States will develop breast cancer.

Monthly self-exams are crucial. While mammograms aren't usually done regularly until women are over 40, self exams and regular doctor visits are often how breast cancer is detected early in younger people. Doctors are so confident in treatment of stage 1 breast cancer that patients are given a near 100% survival rate in the first 5 years. If you are even slightly unsure about something, contact your doctor. At best, you'll find out nothing is wrong; at worst, you'll have hopefully detected breast cancer

at an early and treatable stage.



Sara Khaki's brave mom, Maryam Akbarshahi, a breast cancer survivor

Happy Halloween: Khaki Family Tradition



In the Khaki household, Halloween is not just for kids. It's a great excuse for the adults to dress up and play along with the kids! Our family tradition starts with decorating and turning the house into a haunted house the very first weekend of October.

We also make sure to visit the apple farms in Ellijay, Georgia and pick out some pumpkins on our way home. On Halloween night, we all dress up in the same theme and go trick or treating. Last year, we went as Superheroes. What

will we dress up as this year? Well, that all depends on the mood of a certain four year old boy, my son, Rami.

Top 10 Social Security Disability Attorney



The Khaki Law Firm has been recognized by the American Institute of Legal Counsel as one of the <u>10 BEST Social Security & Disability Law</u> <u>Attorneys</u>. We are so excited and honored by this award!! Big thanks to all of our wonderful clients who give us an opportunity to do what we love; and thank you to our wonderful staff who pour their heart and soul into caring for our clients with the highest level of care.

Administrative Announcements



Happy Birthday Patrice!

Best wishes to our Director of Legal Operations Patrice Callahan on her birthday! We hope it was a wonderful day. Thank you for all your hard work!

Getting Closer to Paperless

Our office has moved to a paperless policy. Therefore all written communications will be done via email instead of letter in the mail. We believe this will ensure faster and more efficient communication with our clients. We simply ask that our clients check their email on a regular basis and ensure that our email is not filtered by spam.

Calendar of Events: October 2016

October 4th: In Court, Brunswick, TN In Court, Atlanta, GA October 5th: In Court, Atlanta, GA October 6th: In Court, Atlanta, GA October 7th: In Court, Rome, GA October 12th: In Court, Atlanta, GA October 12th: In Court, Atlanta, GA October 16th: Happy Birthday Patrice! October 17th: In Court, Atlanta, GA October 20th: In Court, Atlanta, GA October 25th: In Court, Atlanta, GA October 25th: In Court, Atlanta, GA

October 27th: In Court, Chicago, IL

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	23. 30 ^{Candy}	24.	25.	26.	27.	28. National Chocolate Day	29.

In Court, Augusta, GA

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