

Dependent's Benefits:

What Your Family May Receive If You're Found Disabled.



When a person is awarded Social Security Disability (SSDI), they often have dependents that rely on the disabled person's income. Thus, there may be times when the dependents of a disabled person become eligible for benefits from Social Security. However, eligibility for dependent benefits is based on the type of benefits that the disabled individual receives as well as the dependent's relationship to the disabled individual. This type of benefits does not apply to individuals who have been awarded Supplemental Security Income (SSI); dependent benefits are only for the dependents of Social Security Disability (SSDI) claimants. Listed

below are the family members that may qualify for dependents benefits when disability has been awarded to a provider.

Relationship to the Disabled Individual:

Spouse: the spouse of a disabled person may be eligible to receive benefits if he/she is 62 years or older; or if the spouse is caring for a child who is under the age of 16 and is eligible for benefits as well.

Ex-Spouse: the former spouse of a disabled individual, who is now divorced from the SSDI claimant but was married to him or her for 10 or more years may be eligible if all of the following requirements are met:

- The ex-spouse cannot be currently married to another (unless the later marriage has ended by death, divorce, or annulment), and
- The ex-spouse is 62 years or older, and
- The ex-spouse is eligible for SSDI benefits, AND
- The benefits that the ex-spouse may receive off their own work record would be less than the amount they would be eligible for under the disabled claimant's work record.

Keep in mind that the marital status of the disability claimant, who is receiving benefits, does not affect the ex-spouse's ability to receive dependent benefits.

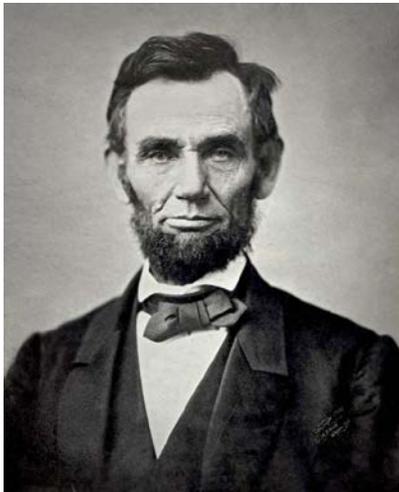
Children: Biological children, adopted children, and step-children (dependent grandchildren may qualify as well) may all receive benefits if a parent becomes eligible for SSDI benefits as long as they are unmarried and younger than 18 years old (or 19 and still in high school). A child over the age of 18 may also qualify if he/she is found disabled due to a disability that occurred prior to the age of 22.

Please feel free to contact our office with any questions or concerns that you may have regarding dependent's benefits.

President's Day: Happy Birthday to Abraham Lincoln *An Inspiration to Many*

In honor of President's Day and President Lincoln's birthday falling on February 12th, it felt befitting to highlight one of Attorney Sara Khaki's favorite presidents,

Abraham Lincoln. Despite great odds and personal struggles at home, President Lincoln became the leader our country needed during a time of war and turmoil.



Born in 1809, President Abraham Lincoln was born into a family of little means. He worked hard his entire life and made it from his family's log cabin in Kentucky all the way to the Presidency. He served as a soldier, taught himself law, worked his way from State politics through the ranks to Federal politics where he found himself campaigning for the Presidency.

Elected in 1860, a bloody Civil War soon followed as the North and South engaged in a war that would determine the course history would take as it became the United States of America. During this time, President Lincoln lost his son and cared for his wife, Mary, who was in a depressed mental state. He would often turn to humor and speaking about the meaning of the war as a way to cope with his own personal loss and the pain of war.

Midway through the war, he issued the Emancipation Proclamation freeing all slaves and changing the focus of the war from preserving the Union to a battle for freedom. With the Union victory, a new and better country was born. Sadly President Lincoln was assassinated just weeks after the Confederacy surrendered. It took many to win the war, but it only took one man with a vision to ignite a fire for change.

Happy Valentine's Day!

To Our Clients



Our clients are the HEART of what we do and what inspires us to become better as a law firm. Thank you for your continued loyalty and support.

Thank you for trusting us with your Social Security Disability cases, bringing us along with you on your journey, and allowing us the privilege of helping you through one of the most challenging times of your lives.

We wish you all a Happy Valentines Day and easing your burden throughout this difficult time in your life is what gives purpose to our work.

Administrative Announcement:

Welcome!



Welcome to our Administrative Assistant, Debra Janik! Debra has worked as a legal secretary and administrative assistant over the course of her career. We are excited about the experience she brings to the position and to the firm. Debra is also the proud mother of three very active teenage boys and a beautiful golden retriever.

Calendar of Events

February 2015

Feb. 4th, 2015: In Court, Atlanta GA

Feb. 7th, 2015: Social Security Disability Presentation for the National Federation of the Blind

Feb. 9th, 2015: In Court, Covington GA

Feb. 10th, 2015: In Court, Atlanta GA

Feb. 17th, 2015: In Court, Gainesville GA

Feb. 20th, 2015: In Court, Chattanooga TN

Feb. 26th, 2015: In Court, Atlanta GA

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