

The 2018 Government Shutdown: **How It Impacted Social Security Disability**



The country recently experienced a three day Government Shutdown which means the government has a lapse in Federal funds to disburse. Following, the announcement of the shutdown, Michelle King, the Deputy Commissioner for Budget, Finance and Management set forth a contingency plan of the Social Security Administration (SSA) to continue activities during the lapse in Federal appropriations. This contingency plan was set to promote service to the public and keep the Administration on track to meet fiscal obligations. So what does all that mean?

The bottom line is that the SSA will continue to function at some level and will choose to discontinue some activities that are not as critical while a shutdown is in effect. One of the most important things to know is that if you are receiving benefits, those benefits will . . . click [HERE](#) to learn more.

OUR 2018 GOAL:

Beat our 2017 Numbers of SSDI/SSI Wins



Farewell 2017; Hello 2018! Instead of resolutions, we're setting goals this year. Our goal is to beat our numbers from last year: we want to help a greater number of clients at their social security disability hearings; we want to gain disability benefits for more clients, and we want even more happy clients!

Our legal team accomplished the following in 2017:

226 Social Security Disability hearings attended

216 Fully Favorable Disability decisions gained for our clients

95% of our clients who took our survey stated that they would recommend us to a friend or family who is going through the disability process.

We look forward to beating our 2017 numbers in this New Year and as a result help more people navigate through the overwhelming and tedious Social Security Disability maze.

Health Tip of the Month: **Fighting the Flu Season**

There is something in the air, and it's not good. The flu has taken hold and has spread to 46 states. It shaping up to be one of the worst flu seasons in years. So what can we do to protect ourselves?

Get the flu shot - even if it's not for this strain. It will still help ease the severity of the symptoms and reduce the duration of time you are sick.

- **Stay away from people that are sick.**
- **Wash your hands frequently.**
- **Avoid touching your mouth, nose, and eyes.**
- **Use a humidifier.** Dry air helps the flu virus live longer. Keeping the humidity at 30-50% will help reduce its life.



Even with precautions, some of us will still get the flu.

Here are some tips to recover:

- **Go to the doctor.** And then follow their instructions for recovery.
- **Get plenty of rest.** The body naturally wants to rest when it's not at 100%, so listen to it and stay in bed.
- **Drink plenty of fluids to stay hydrated.** It'll prevent dehydration and give your body nutrients when you don't feel like eating.

Sara Khaki Receives the Super Lawyers Rising Star Award for 3rd consecutive year

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

CONGRATULATIONS

SARA KHAKI

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Another 5 Star Review for The Khaki Law Firm Team!

Thank you Jimmy for your kind words! It is our privilege to serve clients like you!

"My husband had a complicated disability case that needed exquisite skill and care dealing with. The Khaki Law Firm and their employees, especially Asia Taylor and Patrice Callahan, provided us with superior care, understanding and commitment to my husband's case. Most important, the Khaki Law Firm were informative and highly responsive in helping us on our difficult path to obtaining his Social Security Disability and they genuinely cared about him and got to know both my husband and I through the entire process. If you need extremely well-versed, highly qualified individuals who will provide outstanding service to represent you and you are looking for a Social Security Disability Insurance attorney, the Khaki Law Firm should be your first choice!"

~Jimmy T.



Happy Birthday Holly & Amanda!

We had two employee birthdays this month. Happy Birthday to our intake specialists, Holly Casey and Amanda Patterson! We are so lucky to have you as a part of our team. We hope all your dreams come true this year!



Calendar of Events:

January 2018

January 2: In Court; Atlanta, GA
January 3: In Court; Atlanta, GA
January 4: In Court; Atlanta, GA
January 5: In Court; Covington, GA
January 10 : In Court; Atlanta, GA
 In Court; Campbellsville, KY
January 11: In Court; Augusta, GA
January 12: In Court; Covington, GA
 In Court; Albany, GA
January 16: In Court; Atlanta, GA
January 19: In Court; Atlanta, GA
January 23: In Court; Columbus, GA
January 24: In Court; Atlanta, GA
January 25: In Court; Columbus, GA
January 29: In Court; Atlanta, GA
January 30: In Court; Atlanta, GA
January 31: In Court; Atlanta, GA



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