

Georgia Residents Face Obstacles in Workers' Compensation Cases

When a person is injured at his or her workplace, they rely on Workers' Compensation to provide a safety net for them and their family. For many, seeking these benefits can become a long and challenging process. Denials and delays from insurance companies can wear down potential recipients, leaving them feeling overwhelmed and unsure how to properly proceed with their claim.

It is not uncommon for Workers' Comp insurers to routinely deny claims in hopes that individuals will not appeal. Unfortunately, Georgians are beginning to know this practice all too well. A recent WSB-TV News investigation highlighted the frustrations of several Georgia residents who have had repeated problems obtaining Workers' Comp. The investigation also included results from a study conducted by The Workers Compensation Research Institute (WCRI). The study revealed 18% of Georgians who were injured at work and, as a result, lost a week's worth of wages, experienced problems in obtaining the medical care their primary health provider wanted. That is nearly 1/5 of all Workers' Comp cases, which may explain why Georgians hurt on the job had some of the lowest "return to work" rates than other states.



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Conference Highlights: National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives

By Patrice Callahan, Hearing Claims Advocate



I am a member of National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives (NOSSCR) and had the honor of attending the Spring Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. What a great and informative conference! It was wonderful being able to network and learn what other representatives are experiencing with the Social Security Administration all over the country. The conference consisted of informative sessions that touched on various topics such as how to prepare your client for hearing, the best Appeals Council arguments, and the best practices for your firm to stay current on Social Security Regulations and Rulings. The presenters at the conference came from all over the country and most have more than 30 years of experience successfully representing Social Security Claimants at all adjudication levels. In addition, the conference material have given me new ways to

better serve our clients at The Khaki Law Firm.

The session that really had an impact on me helped me see different ways the firm can incorporate what I learned with what we are already doing in order to better serve our clients at The Khaki Law Firm throughout the whole process. In the next few weeks, we plan to implement changes on how we **help our new clients who need to file SSA applications for the first time** as well make sure that they are understanding how to complete forms requested by Social Security along the way. We plan to update **how our office is receiving medical updates and requesting medical records** to ensure that we continue to have the success we have at the hearings. We plan on restructuring some of our internal policies and procedures on how cases are handled to make sure that we continue to give our clients the very best customer service and legal representation. There are so many exciting changes that will be coming in the very near future for The Khaki Law Firm so that we can continue to "guide you through the disability maze."

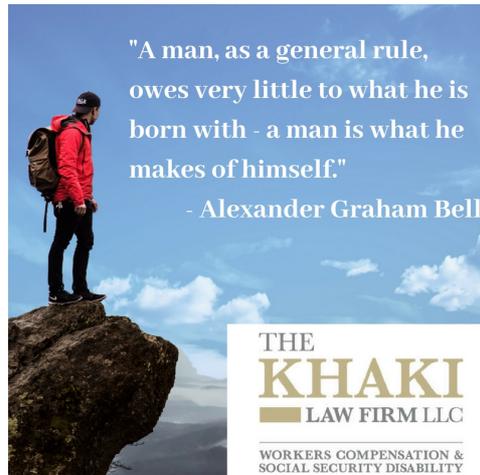
The Khaki Law Firm's Monthly Success Story

"My favorite success story of the month was when The Khaki Law Firm got one of our clients approved at the initial adjudication level. Being approved at the initial level for Social Security benefits can be rare. What made this case special is the fact that the claimant lost everything due to her disabilities and was living in a motel with no source of income -- and was in desperate need of medical insurance. Due to constant communication with Social Security, The Khaki Law Firm was able to get her claim approved and benefits started expeditiously."

Nick Ellis, Paralegal



Some Final Words of Inspiration.....



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