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Social Security Telephone Hearings And What You Need to Know About the "New Normal"



Much of the country is adapting to a new way of life brought on by the Coronavirus pandemic, and the legal system is no exception. Courts, law enforcement officials, and attorneys alike are redesigning their workflow to accommodate social distancing regulations and stay-at-home orders.

While your disability claim or case may have to move to an online medium, that doesn't mean you have to sacrifice quality of care or dedication from an attorney. Members of our team are committed to working with you in this unprecedented time and ensuring that your

case is well reviewed before your telephone hearing.

At our firm, we understand that the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted life for everyone. While your disability case may proceed differently compared to past cases, a hearing claims advocate from the Khaki Law Firm can help you adapt to telephone hearings.

What is a Telephone Hearing?

We are fortunate to live in an age where disability hearings can be conducted over the phone. With many states issuing stay-at-home orders, the Social Security Administration, or SSA, switched to telephone hearings in March to keep up with disability cases around the country.

Telephone hearings are typically favored over other technological conference mediums like Zoom and Skype because of the sensitive nature of the meetings. Many claimants are worried about their information being sent through insecure channels. While there is a learning curve with telephone hearings, the risk of information being taken or shared is much lower.

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The Veteran Bravery Nomination
"We Don't Know Them All, But We Owe Them All"



and have selflessly protected us by risking their own lives. We are excited to announce that this year, for Veteran's Day, we will be recognizing a veteran for all they've done for our freedom. As such, we are now hosting **The Veteran Bravery Nomination** to recognize those who have risked their lives to serve this country.

If you or a loved one have served this country, please take the time to fill out our nomination form for a chance to win a \$500 Visa Gift Card and be recognized as a small thank you. We are now accepting nominations and will continue to do so until Veterans Day, November 11, 2020. To learn more about this nomination and to fill out the form, please visit our website.

Welcome to Our Dream Team

Meet the Newest Members of KLF



We are thrilled to announce that we have added two new super stars to our KLF team! Both Georgia natives, Amanda Tomkiewicz and Elizabeth Altmeyer joined our team in June.

Amanda is a recent Kennesaw State University graduate majoring in Criminal Justice. Amanda gained an exposure to law by working with the Cobb County District Attorney and she gained an appreciation of the law and legal processes. As a previous Disney employee, Amanda loves watching Disney movies and relaxing with her loved ones as well as her three dogs in her down time!

Elizabeth recently graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts degree in both Psychology and Criminal Justice. She is passionate about law and enjoys learning about the different areas of the legal field. She loves working with other people

and being able to interact with clients every day. She feels grateful to work alongside such talented and caring people. Elizabeth has lived in Roswell her entire life and loves living so close to Atlanta. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and pets.

We are so grateful to have you both apart of this work family! Your skills and talents will be a great addition to our amazing team. We are so excited to grow our team as we continue to assist clients through their Social Security Disability case. To learn more about Amanda and Elizabeth, visit our website!

National Disability Independence Day

Honoring the Americans with Disabilities Act

July 26th marks National Disability Independence Day which commemorates the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in 1990. First introduced in the 100th Congress, the ADA bans discrimination on the basis of disability in the areas of employment, public accommodation, public services, transportation and telecommunications. President George H.W. Bush signed the ADA into law on July 26, 1990.



The ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA) was legalized on
September 25, 2008, and became effective on January 1, 2009. By
passing the ADAAA, Congress overturned several Supreme Court decisions that Congress believed had
interpreted the definition of "disability" too narrowly, resulting in a denial of protection for many individuals

with impairments. It also directed the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) to amend its ADA regulations to reflect the changes made by the ADAAA.

The ADAAA made a number of significant changes to the definition of "disability" under the ADA. In enacting the ADAAA, Congress made it easier for an individual seeking protection under the ADA to establish that he or she has a disability within the meaning of the statute. The ADAAA states that the definition of disability should be interpreted in favor of broad coverage of individuals. The ADA provides protection from employment discrimination as well as better access to goods, services, and communications for people with disabilities. The ADA has helped millions of Americans achieve equal treatment!

Happy Workaversaries! Celebrating Two of Our Team Members

This month we celebrated two work anniversaries! Our Intake Specialist, Holly Casey, has been with us for six years and Paralegal, Caity Doyle, celebrated her first year with us!

We appreciate your energy, your kindness, and your contagious enthusiasm! Thank you ladies for your hard-work and dedication to our mission of seamlessly navigating our clients through their Social Security Disability matter- we love having you a part of this work family and are honored to work along side of you both!



Client Testimonial:

Thank You Robert B. For The 5 Star Review!

Thank you for the wonderful testimonial Robert! At The Khaki Law Firm, we provide our clients the legal guidance they need to live the life they deserve. Our mission is to zealously advocate for the disabled and injured members of our society while adopting a holistic approach to an unpredictable disability process that incorporates empathy with excellent communication skills and quality care derived from our guiding values and our drive to always be ahead of the Social Security Administration. If you need help with your social security disability case, call us at (678) 228-8688.



Calendar of Events: July 2020

July 1: In court; Virtual

July 3: Offices Closed for Independence Day

July 4: Happy Fourth!
July 8: In court; Virtual
July 9: In court; Virtual
July 14: In court; Virtual
July 17: In court; Virtual

July 20: In court; Virtual July 21: In court; Virtual

July 22: In court; Virtual July 30: In court; Virtual

*Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, all in-person Social Security Disability Hearings have been rescheduled to a telephone hearing. Contact us if you have any questions.

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