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Now you're ill or have been injured, you can't work and you need your benefits. The problem is that 60 to 70 percent of all Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) claims are denied, even when applicants are legitimately entitled to receive compensation.

Here's what you can expect to receive:

- A clear explanation of Social Security Disability rules and regulations, including the most recent developments in the law, so that you fully understand your rights
- Proper coordination and presentation of all your medical evidence, including specially developed questionnaires sent to your doctors that validate your disability and help qualify you for benefits
- Rapid completion and filing of all essential documents to win your compensation, assuring you that nothing important is overlooked or missed that could cause unnecessary delays or denial
- Successful handling of mental illness and impairment claims, which present some of the most formidable obstacles to being awarded disability benefits
- Drafting special documentation such as a "dire need" letter if your circumstances require it, which can speed up the process of qualification, and correspondence to stop harassing bill collectors
- A persuasively written "theory of the case" letter, required by some administrative law judges to give a concise explanation of the essential facts of disability
- Thorough, personalized one-on-one preparation for your hearing, so that you know what to expect and are ready to respond appropriately to the judge's questions
- Diligent tracking and notification of developments in your case, keeping you abreast of any changes and information crucial to gaining your benefits and protecting you against possible misinformation from Social Security personnel
- Prompt, personal response to all your phone calls from Stephen himself — you'll feel comfortable knowing you have complete legal support throughout the entire process

We understand the rules to help you get your disability claim through the system. We do this by writing briefs to Judges, presenting the briefs how each judge likes to see them presented, collecting the proper medical evidence to prove your case, getting documentation to prove that you have dire financial needs, and by giving you tips to optimize your chances of collecting SSD or SSI.

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- Winning SSI benefits can be a challenge even with an excellent case. Did you know that 60 to 70 percent of all SSI claims are denied by Social Security? Many people give up in frustration after they've been refused. Yet in many such instances, an applicant can win if an experienced New York SSI lawyer pursues the case.