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All About Social Security Disability Hearings



Have you been denied Social Security Disability (SSDI) benefits, even after reconsideration? If so, you have the right to a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. At this point, it is advisable to seek out an <u>experienced SSDI benefits attorney</u> at our office.

These hearings tend to be informal, even though the judge may appear in black robes. For convenience, the hearing site will be near your location and may be at a hotel conference room or bank meeting room. A



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What's Happening in Southern California court reporter will be present, as well as a vocational expert and often a medical expert.

Request a hearing: you must request the hearing either online at the <u>Social Security website</u>, or print out the request form and mail it or take it to your <u>local Social Security office</u>.

Time limit: act quickly, because you have only 60 days in which to request a hearing, measured from the date you receive the SSDI benefit denial notice.

Bring a representative: bring witnesses with you, if applicable, as well as a representative such as an attorney.

Hearing location: if you like, you may participate in the hearing via a video teleconference call at your local Social Security office. If you choose to attend in person, you may have to travel further, but the hearing location will be usually be no more than 75 miles from your home.

Submitting evidence: if you have any medical evidence that you wish to be considered, be sure to submit it along with your hearing request.

Your appearance: at the time of your request, explain your reasons in writing if you are unable to attend the hearing. Even so, the Administrative Law Judge may require your presence at the hearing, especially if you alone can best explain the facts of your disability. If at the last minute you are unable to attend, be sure to notify the Judge.

At the hearing: the Judge will question you along

with any witnesses, and you will have the opportunity to submit evidence and question witnesses.

You can find more information in the SSA's publication Hearings and Appeals.

Workers' Compensation Eligibility for Temporary Workers

All businesses operating in California must have <u>Workers' Compensation</u> coverage for its employees. This includes agencies for temporary workers, or leased or loaned employees as they are sometimes named.

If you are a temporary worker and have been injured on the job, you should contact your temporary agency immediately to report the injury. You must also immediately notify the company for whom you are providing temporary services if the accident occurred on that company's premises.

Independent contractors are not eligible for Workers' Compensation coverage. While a temporary worker has no control over his or her work (although an assignment may be turned down), an independent contractor has control over the manner of work, materials and tools, and work days and hours.

If you or a loved one has been injured on the job, it's important to get an attorney experienced in these types of cases involved immediately. Call **800-438-7734** for your initial free consultation, either in our office or in the comfort of your own home. The Kenton Koszdin Law Office, <u>Workers Compensation</u>

<u>attorney in Van Nuys</u>, can help you navigate the <u>Workers Compensation</u> <u>application process</u> for the best possible outcome for you and your family.

Enjoy Laguna Beach Pageant of the Masters this August and September



Since 1932 the <u>Laguna Festival of the Arts</u> has been wowing visitors with life-size recreations of famous paintings. You'll swear that you are looking at authentic masters' works – instead, real people pose in famous paintings' settings for a bona fide trick of the eye. Call soon for <u>tickets</u> as seating is limited.

Recipe of the Month:

Fresh Fruit & Mint Salad



Enjoy this cool and refreshing summer fruit salad with mint, honey, and a touch of Grand Marnier.

Ingredients

- 1 papaya or mango
- 1 cup strawberries

- 2 kiwis
- 1 banana
- 2 navel oranges
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon Grand Marnier, optional
- 3 to 5 sprigs fresh mint
- 1 cup raspberries or blueberries

Directions:

Peel and dice the mango or papaya, and put in a medium bowl. Trim the strawberries' stems and half or quarter, if large. Add to the bowl of fruit. Peel and dice the kiwi and peel and slice the bananas, add to bowl.

Cut the top and bottom off the oranges just deep enough to expose the inner fruit. Following the curve of the fruit cut the skin and pith off the orange in panels. Holding the orange over the bowl cut between the membranes to free the citrus segments. Let them fall into the bowl as they are cut free. By hand, squeeze all the juice from the remaining membrane over the fruit, then discard. Repeat with the other orange.

Lightly stir the honey and Grand Marnier, if using, into the fruit. Strip the mint leaves off the stem, tear, or chop into smaller pieces, and stir into the fruit salad. Add the berries and set aside for 10 minutes or up to 2 hours.

Recipe courtesy of FoodNetwork.com

What's Happening in Southern California

Sept. 1, 2014 Labor Day Lunch Cruise **Sept. 12 – 14, 2014**San Diego Bayfair

Hornblower Landing at Grape Street, San Diego Bay, CA

Sept. 1 - 20, 2014

The Art & Soul of Surfing
The Huntington Beach Art Center, Huntington
Beach, CA

Sept. 5 - 7, 2014

Los Angeles Greek Fest Saint Sophia Cathedral, Los Angeles, CA

Sept. 5 - 7, 2014

Rockin Ribfest Huntington Beach, CA

Sept. 5 – 7, 2014

Original Long Beach Lobster Festival Long Beach, CA

Sept. 5 - 7, 2014

Food, Art & Music Festival Hungtington State Beach, CA

Sept. 6, 2014

California Beer Festival Lakeside, San Dimas, CA

Sept. 6, 2014

Plate by Plate Annual Tasting Benefit 135 Fourth Street, San Francisco, CA

Sept. 6, 2014

The Little Mermaid

AMC Town Center Theatres, Burbank, CA

Sept. 6 - 7, 2014

Mission Bay & Beaches, San Diego, CA

Sept. 13, 2014

Mid-Autumn Moon Festival Central Plaza & West Plaza, Los Angeles, CA

Sept. 13 – 14, 2014

Aloha Beach Festival Promenade Park, Ventura, CA

Sept. 19 - 21, 2014

Monterey Jazz Festival Monterey County Fairgrounds, Monterey, CA

Sept. 19 - 21, 2014

Sunset Strip Music Festival Sunset Blvd & San Vicente, West Hollywood, CA

Sept. 21 - 26, 2014

San Diego Restaurant Week Various Restaurants, San Diego, CA

Sept. 26 – 27, 2014

Jackson Brown concert Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica, CA

Sept. 26 – 28, 2014

Italian Feast of San Gennaro The Jimmy Kimmel Live! backlot, Hollywood, CA

12th Annual BB Jazz Festival Huntington Central Park, Huntington Beach, CA

Sept. 7, 2014

Brazilian Day Festival Pacific Beach, San Diego, CA

Sept. 12, 2014

San Diego Brewers Guild Golf Tournament Rancho Bernado Inn, San Diego, CA

Sept. 12 - 14, 2014

Port of Los Angeles Lobster Festival Ports O'Call Village, San Pedro, CA

Sept. 27, 2014

West Hollywood Book Fair West Hollywood Park, CA

Sept. 28, 2014

Spirits of Mexico Del Mar Fairgrounds, San Diego, CA

Sept. 28, 2014

Walk for World Peace Tongva Park, Santa Monica, CA

Sept. 28, 2014

The Abbot Kinney Festival Abbot Kinney Blvd, Los Angeles, CA



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