

# **Louisiana Disability Law**

## **Social Security Disability**

### **The First Step**

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As in many things in life, the first step is often the most important. This is no different in the social security disability world.

If you are in the process of filing for social security disability, or even just thinking about it, the most important first step is to:

## **Get A Doctor's Support or Opinion Confirming Your Disability!**

Your doctor's opinion alone does **not** ensure that you will receive disability benefits. However, if you do not have a doctor's support or opinion, it does ensure that you will not be approved for benefits.

Moreover, your disability must adversely affect your ability to work. A diagnosis alone is often not enough. Your doctor should explain in your medical records how your disability impacts your ability to work.

Disability benefits law is complicated and the battle for disability benefits should not be fought alone. This crucial first step should help get you on the path to making your disability claim as strong as possible.

Of course, there are more steps in the social security disability claims process, but this first step is extremely important.

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I was first drawn into the fight for long-term disability benefits when I fought for the reinstatement of benefits for a good client. While the battle there was against a disability company, I learned that the same battles are fought to gain Social Security Disability benefits. The disability company made their determination although my client had a significantly deteriorated condition after having brain cancer, brain surgery, radiation and chemotherapy.

I learned that whether you are seeking SSDI or long-term disability benefits under an insurance plan, you face an uphill battle. What I learned along the way about how disability determinations were made really made me cringe. People were doing the right thing in life — working hard, raising good families, paying bills — but when they became sick or were injured, the protection they needed was not there. I decided that I needed to focus my abilities on helping you fight for the benefits you desperately need.

I am a bayou boy from Bayou Gauche, Louisiana. I have an environmental engineering degree from LSU and a law degree from Tulane. I love Louisiana despite its faults and am proud to be a part of New Orleans' recovery. I am a Christian family man with two beautiful children and a loving wife. I want to help you.

I welcome the opportunity to help you in your fight. Please give me a call or write me at [loyd@louisianadisabilitylaw.com](mailto:loyd@louisianadisabilitylaw.com).

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