

SSA Disability Hearings Seminar

Date: Thursday, November 20, 2008 9:00AM – 4:30PM

Location: Liberty Hall, 800 Eisenhower Dr., Kimberly WI

*Sponsored by Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW) and
The Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) serving Calumet, Outagamie and Waupaca Co*

Learn about...

- Eligibility criteria for the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) / Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Programs
- Application and appeal procedures
- Practice tips for representing clients at SSA hearings
- Services provided by county Aging and Disability Resource Centers and the Disability Benefit Specialist Program

Presenters

Molly Bandt, *Managing Attorney, Disability Rights Wisconsin*
Jason Klimowicz, *Program Attorney, Disability Rights Wisconsin*
Teresa Basiliere, *Basiliere, Thompson, Bissett & Castonia*
Rachel Fitzgerald, *Di Renzo, Bomier LLC*

Tuition: \$100

Tuition waived for attorneys who accept a pro bono SSI / SSDI case referred through DRW or ADRC.

Credit applied for six hours of CLE credit from the Board of Bar Examiners.

More Information: Contact Nancy Leipzig at the ADRC 920-418-4483 or Molly Bandt at DRW 608-267-0214.

Register by November 14th.

Registration:

- Check Enclosed (payable to DRW)**
Mail to DRW: 131 W. Wilson St., Suite 700, Madison, WI 53703, attn: Linda
- Credit Card (Visa, MC)**

Exp: _____ Fax to DRW at 608-267-0368 attn: Linda
- Tuition Waived – I will accept a pro bono case from DRW or the ADRC.**

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Social Security Administration Disability Hearings Seminar Schedule

**9:00 AM Aging & Disability Resource Centers, Disability Benefit Specialists:
How they can help you win your case**

**9:15 AM Non-disability Criteria for Social Security Disability Insurance &
Supplemental Security Income**

- Resources & income for SSI
- Date last insured for SSDI

10:00 AM Break

10:15 AM The Five-Step Disability Determination Process for SSDI & SSI

- Significant Gainful Activity
- Severe impairment
- Medical listings
- Past relevant work
- Other jobs

12:00 Noon Lunch (on your own)

1:00 PM Social Security Disability Insurance Application Process

- Initial application
- SSA field office
- Disability Determination Bureau
- Request for reconsideration
- Request for ALJ

1:30 PM Prehearing Process

- Office of Disability Adjudication and Review (ODAR)
- Obtaining the SSA file
- Obtaining and submitting additional evidence
- Prehearing brief
- On-the-Record requests and expedited cases

2:15 PM Break

2:30 PM Hearing

- Parties at hearing: ALJ, VE, ME
- Rules of evidence & SSA hierarchy of evidence
- Direct examination of claimant
- Role of Vocational Expert and questioning the VE
- Role of Medical Expert and questioning the ME
- Bench decisions
- Keeping the record open & Submitting post-hearing brief

**3:30 PM Practice Tips by Panel of Attorneys
4:30Pm Program Concludes**