

## Can a Social Security Lawyer Help You If You Were Denied After a Hearing?

Q: If you are still not awarded benefits after going through the [social security disability](#) hearing process, can you appeal further?

A: You do have a couple courses of action if you want to continue your pursuit to be awarded benefits after being denied during the hearing process. Some claimants choose to simply submit a brand new application and undergo the initial review process once more, while others make an appeal with the Appeals Council. It would be invaluable to have legal representation if you are considering appealing, so contact a social security lawyer before you make any decisions on your own. After your appeal is reviewed by the Appeals Council, you will receive notification that your claim will undergo a second hearing, the decision made by the judge was overturned or that you have been denied an additional review. The Appeals Council hardly ever overturns the official decision of the judge. More frequently, a case will be remanded after it is appealed at this level, which means that it will be heard by another administrative judge. Most claimants are denied after they appeal at this level, though. Depending upon your case, it might be worthwhile to appeal in the hopes that the Appeals Council will remand your case. To reiterate, you would be wise to have an advocate like a social security lawyer help you through this process.

Q: Will a social security lawyer coordinate with representatives from Social Security on all official matters pertaining to your claim?

A: A social security lawyer will contact all pertinent representatives at Social Security for anything that has to do with your claim. Social Security will usually contact only your attorney. In some circumstances, your lawyer will allow a claims representative or examiner to contact you directly. Be sure to tell your lawyer if you did speak with someone. By doing so, you will keep your attorney in the loop and avoid possible errors. You hired a social security lawyer to be your advocate. Always communicate honestly and frequently with your attorney.

Q: Will every claimant approved for disability get retroactive payments?

A: No, not every claim is awarded back pay. That being said, most cases are awarded back pay. That is simply due to the fact that the review process for disability cases can take so long that some back pay will be due. It is important to note that you are not eligible to collect retroactive payments until you are 5 months past the established onset date of your injury. For a fortunate claimant that is approved for benefits within a couple months, back pay may not even be applicable.

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