

LYME DISABILITY

What you should know about filing your claim

10 TIPS

1. Document, document, document!
2. Hire a qualified attorney
3. Make sure your doctor is willing to work with your attorney
4. Do not stop seeing your doctors out of frustration over lack of improvement — you need to document your case
5. Your medical records are your best weapon in your fight for benefits
6. There is duplicative paperwork — do not ignore it!
7. There are time limits on appeals — do not ignore them!
8. If you were exposed to Lyme on the job, you may have a Workman's Compensation case!
9. Don't collect Unemployment when claiming disability
10. Don't give up!



Disability Cases

90% Due to Illness

10% Due to Illness



DOCUMENT DOCUMENT DOCUMENT

- Document consistent treatment
- Document consistent pain
- Document mental health issues brought on by illness
- Document all symptoms
- Obtain physicians notes
- Obtain a letter from your doctor



Hiring an Attorney

If you have a cognitive impairment an attorney can mean the difference between a win & a loss. They are experienced with complicated process & paperwork.

- Your Attorney should be bar certified
- They should have experience with Social Security hearings
- Ensure that they will appear at your hearing
- Disability attorney's work on contingency = no cost to you

Pay attention to deadlines: you can lose your right to retroactive benefits if you miss them!

**You have 60 days to file an appeal following any denial.*



What to Expect at Your Disability Hearing

- Small courtroom setting
- The court will accommodate your physical limitations
- Procedural matters between judge & attorney.
- Several questions about your illness from your counsel & the judge
- The judge is determining your credibility as well as disability
- It is okay to show your emotion and frustration

CONTACT OUR OFFICE - WE CAN HELP

Attorney Robert Noa | 180 Canal St. Suite 301, Boston 02114 | 617-423-2228 | www.robertnoalaw.com