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Workers Compensation – Why You Should Hire a Lawyer for Your WC Case



Getting injured on the job is traumatic, and not being able to work or suffering a dip in your income can aggravate your situation. Luckily, Workers' Compensation (WC) protects employees who were injured while working.

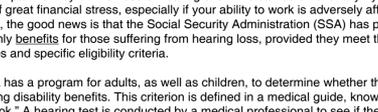
Applying for workers' compensation benefits can be a lengthy, tedious, and confusing process. Therefore, it is beneficial to hire an experienced worker's compensation lawyer for your case, so that your case is processed smoothly, and you can get some relief.

Here are some ways in which a WC attorney can make your life easy:

- Employers may tend to avoid paying WC benefits by denying that their worker was injured on the job. Your lawyer can build your case and help you prove what happened.
- The requirements to file a WC case can be difficult to understand and chances of missing out on important information are high if there is a lack of clarity. Lawyers with expertise in WC cases are aware of the requirements and can ensure that your application is accurate and complete with supporting documents.
- Pre-existing medical conditions can weaken your case to claim workers' compensation. However, a lawyer can have your conditions examined to determine whether your injury is related to your pre-existing condition or not. Accordingly, they can guide you on how to proceed with your case.
- Some employers may not have workers' compensation insurance even though it is required by law. Although obligated, they may not be willing to pay for insurance. In such cases, your lawyer can guide you about your options, and help you utilize them accordingly.
- To avoid being in a situation where you have miscalculated your workers' compensation claim, and to have coverage for future treatments for your injury, it is better to have a lawyer experienced in processing WC cases to calculate your claim. Call Heller, Maas, Moro & Magill, Co., LPA, today to schedule a free consultation in the office or in the comfort of your home.
- If your employer disputes your claim for compensation by doubting or minimizing the impact of your injury, having an attorney on your side to support your claim will greatly help.
- In case your application is denied, or you receive a re-evaluation from your employer's insurance company, you may feel defeated. However, your workers' compensation attorney can help you with an appeal and support you in the re-evaluation process as well.

You do not have to go through tough times alone. Get all the support you need, so that you and your family can be at ease.

Social Security - Hearing Aid Awareness Month



Hearing impairment by birth or loss of hearing over time can be emotionally trying and a source of great financial stress, especially if your ability to work is adversely affected. However, the good news is that the Social Security Administration (SSA) has provisions for monthly benefits for those suffering from hearing loss, provided they meet the strict guidelines and specific eligibility criteria.

The SSA has a program for adults, as well as children, to determine whether they qualify for hearing disability benefits. This criterion is defined in a medical guide, known as the "Blue Book." A hearing test is conducted by a medical professional to see if the individual meets the following conditions to qualify for the benefits:

For adults without cochlear implants:

- Average threshold of 90 decibels or worse for air conduction in your better ear and an average of 60 decibels or more for bone conduction hearing.
- Word recognition of a standardized list of phonetically balanced (usually monosyllable) words should not exceed a score of 40%.

For adults with cochlear implants:

- Individuals who have undergone cochlear implant surgery are entitled to receive disability benefits for one full year after the surgery.
- You may use benefits in later years as well if your word recognition score using Hearing in Noise Test (HINT) is less than 60%.

For children without cochlear implants:

- Till five years of age, the average threshold for air conduction must be 50 decibels or greater in the child's better ear.
- From age 5 to 18 years, this threshold must be 70 decibels or more, or 50 decibels or more combined with a visible speech limitation.
- Word recognition score that is less than or equal to 40%.

For children with cochlear implants:

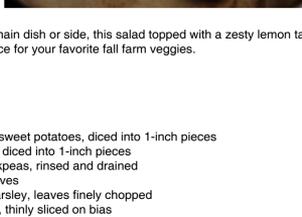
- Children with cochlear implants also qualify for one full year of benefits after surgery, or until the age of 5 years.
- Word recognition score of 60% or less in later years will also support their claim of disability benefits.

To claim Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), you will have to show proof of hearing loss through tests carried out by an otolaryngologist or an audiologist. The SSA expert will also need to check your income details to determine whether you qualify for the benefits or not.

It's important to seek skilled legal representation. An experienced Social Security Disability benefits attorney can help you navigate the often-complicated claim process and put you in the best possible position to secure the benefits you need and deserve. Call Heller, Maas, Moro & Magill Co., L.P.A., today to schedule your free case evaluation.



Recipe of the Month Sweet Potato, Zucchini & Chickpea Salad



Warm or cold, main dish or side, this salad topped with a zesty lemon tahini dressing is the perfect choice for your favorite fall farm veggies.

Ingredients

For the salad

- 2 yams or sweet potatoes, diced into 1-inch pieces
- 1 zucchini, diced into 1-inch pieces
- 1 can chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 2 garlic cloves
- 3 sprigs parsley, leaves finely chopped
- 2 scallions, thinly sliced on bias
- olive oil

For the dressing

- 1 tablespoon tahini
- zest and juice of 1 lemon
- salt and pepper
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line rimmed baking sheet with parchment or silicone.
2. Spread diced sweet potatoes in a single layer on prepared baking sheet, drizzle with olive oil, and sprinkle lightly with salt and pepper. Roast 35-40 minutes, then add zucchini and roast an additional 10-15 minutes, until both vegetables are softened inside and caramelized in spots. If vegetables haven't caramelized at that point, pop them under the broiler for 3 minutes, and they'll brown plenty.
3. In a small frying pan over medium heat, sauté chickpeas and whole garlic cloves in 1 tablespoon of olive oil (just enough to moisten) for about 3 minutes, until the chickpeas dry out a bit and are warmed through. Remove garlic cloves, chop finely, and reserve for dressing.
4. In a medium bowl, mix chickpeas with yams and zucchini. Add parsley and scallions and toss to combine.

Recipe courtesy of food52.com

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Goodyear Theatre
Akron

Pints & Pies
Akron Civic Theatre

Shelby Olive
Canton Symphony Orchestra

Ordinary Elephant
Akron Civic Theatre

Kinky Boots
Weathervane Playhouse
Akron

Midway Drive-In Theater
Ravenna, OH

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Canfield, OH

Akron Zoo
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