



# HARDIN DISABILITY

The Newsletter for Claimants, Support Persons, and Disability Advocates.

## Tips of the Month

### Application:

Make a list of the jobs that you held in the 15 years before you became unable to work. Note the dates you worked in each job, and a description of the tasks required for each job. You will need this information for your application.

### Appeals:

Most denied claims can be appealed online. However, if you must mail your appeal paperwork to the local SSA office, be sure to mail it certified mail with return receipt requested. You will need to have that signed receipt to show SSA when they lose your appeal paperwork!

### Hearing:

Many claimants try to dress in their "Sunday best" for Social Security Disability hearings.

Wear something that you will be comfortable in. Sitting in a hearing for 40 minutes is hard enough without adding uncomfortable clothes to the situation.



## Expedited SSD Claims for Veterans?

Will your status as a Veteran qualify you for expedited processing of your Social Security Disability claim?

See if you qualify for one of these programs:

### WOUNDED WARRIOR

This program's title is a bit misleading because it does *not* require your injuries to be combat related. This "expedited" program is available for service members who became disabled while on active military duty, on or after October 1, 2001.

### 100% PERMANENT & TOTAL RATING

Veterans who have a VA compensation rating of 100% Permanent and Total (P&T) may also receive expedited processing. You start by completing a Social Security application. During the application process, be sure to let Social Security know that you are rated 100% P&T.

For more information about these programs, visit: <http://thehardinlawfirm.com/ssdi/veterans-expedited-disability/>



## New Support Group - Join now!

Going through the Social Security Disability process is slow, difficult, and draining (emotionally & financially!!).

This Facebook group was created to provide support, information, and encouragement for our disability clients, their families and support persons, and other disability advocates.

Other SSDI and SSI claimants are welcome to participate, as well.

Let's help support and encourage each other! Please jump in with your questions, answers, advice, and encouragement!

Join this new Facebook group, today: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/hardindisability/>

## Issues 6 and 7 for Arkansas

Arkansas voters will decide whether to legalize medical marijuana for patients who would benefit from this treatment option.

At least 25 other states have already legalized this form of medical treatment for patients who qualify. That number will likely be much higher after this election.

Please note: *recreational use of the plant would still be illegal*. Qualifying patients will require certification from their doctor before they can obtain this form of treatment.

Arkansas voters should read the actual text of these two issues before voting. Avoid making a decision based upon the scare tactics or misinformation supplied by special interest groups.

You can read the text of these issues here: <http://thehardinlawfirm.com/ssdi/medical-marijuana-in-arkansas/>

You can access frequently asked questions and concerns regarding medical marijuana here: <http://thehardinlawfirm.com/ssdi/medical-marijuana-in-arkansas/medical-marijuana-faqs/>



### **\*Update\* Issue 7 may NOT be on the ballot.**

The Arkansas Supreme Court decided that the petition for Issue 7 did not have enough signatures. However, this decision is being appealed, and voters may not know the outcome before election day.

Therefore, if you wish to see this treatment option made available in Arkansas, we encourage you to **vote YES on both** Issue 6 AND Issue 7.