

The law's definition of disability is very complicated!

Disability:

“The inability to do any substantially gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to last 12 months or longer.”

UPLC is here to help you navigate this process.

Since 1975, Uptown People's Law Center has been dedicated to supporting the struggle of poor and working people.

UPLC also represents people facing eviction or dealing with landlord-tenant disputes, and people whose rights have been violated while in prison.

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Social Security Disability Income

UPLC provides direct representation to adults seeking Social Security disability benefits in Chicago.





Requirements of Benefits

- Earning less than \$1130 /month
- Receiving regular medical and/or mental health treatment
- For SSI only: assets must be under \$2000

Stages of the SS Process

- Initial application (6 months)
- Request for reconsideration (6 months)
- Hearing with Administrative Law Judge (1-1.5 years)

Intake & Acceptance

1. You must have an application already filed before meeting with UPLC
2. Call to schedule an intake appointment
3. Bring:
 - a. SSA paper work (letters, notices, denials, ODAR disks)
 - b. Medical records
 - c. Treatment providers for the past 2 years
 - d. List of medications
4. Meet with UPLC staff to discuss details and history
5. Within 1 week you will receive notice if UPLC can represent you

UPLC Does Not Cover:

- Medical improvement
- Overpayments
- Child (under 18) benefits
- Post-ALI hearing appeals

Attorney Nicole Schult graduated from Boston University Law School and has been working at UPLC since 2011. Ms. Schult coordinates our Social Security Program and last year



helped over 40 people secure Social Security disability benefits.