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From creating pages of content to simply enjoying a little blog browsing, Social Media has become a part of daily life for many. Jon Corra, Social Media Specialist for Jan Dils, Attorneys at Law, explains how the Jan Dils team was inspired to use the power of Social Media to help our clients:

I have enjoyed blogging about my favorite subject, auto racing, for years. I also enjoy my work with the Jan Dils team, and the incredible people I have the honor of helping every day. However, I was a little put off by the lack of great content being created on our blog on a regular basis. After discussing the situation with Jan and Vonda, we made the choice to move all blogs/social media in house. This has been a great move for us.

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We approach social media and blogging differently than most law firms, by catering to our users, not other firms. Many firms will simply post links to articles and random information that doesn't make you want to do business with them. Our Facebook page does two things: it lets you get to know the people who are working for you, and relays information that will actually help our clients. I think about it this way: if I were an individual seeking Social Security Benefits, would I rather "like" a firm that posts helpful

information that can assist me with my case, or a poll about Super Bowl commercials?

We don't use Facebook solely. Our clients can find us on Twitter, LinkedIn, Google Plus, Instagram, and Pinterest. I jokingly say that if I had a time machine, I would go back and make us a "Friendster" account. All kidding aside, our most valuable social media tool is our blogs. For both Veterans and our Social Security clients, we put some of the best content out there for free. If you want to know what VA-9 is, you can find

the answer on our blog. If you want to know what an amended onset date is, the answer can be found on our blog. This is so much different than a lot of the information out there. It also works. Our blogs have seen overwhelming growth since they were brought in house.

I love what I do. When I see that 300 people read my blog in one day, it makes me feel like I'm making a difference.



A LETTER
FROM JAN

After a long, cold winter, the sunshine and warm weather we've been waiting for is finally here! Whether you have big plans for an action-packed start to summer, or you are simply looking forward to opening the windows and relaxing in the warm breeze, I hope you enjoy the new season to the fullest.

To help you get the most out of your time, we have included some information here that can be helpful no matter what stage of the benefits process you are in. Maybe you've just started the process. If that's the case, I think you'll enjoy our article on social media, and how keeping up with our blog at www.socialsecuritylawyersblog.com can provide you with valuable information on disabilities and benefits, and help simplify the process of starting your case.

If you've been denied, you'll find an article on the appeals process that can give you an overview of how to proceed with your appeal. Already receiving benefits? Then you won't want to miss our article on changes to Supplemental Security Income for 2013.

I'm really excited with all of the great content in this edition. As always, I want you to know that we are here for you with answers to any questions you may have. Our experienced and caring team is dedicated to helping you fight for your benefits ~ and that includes making sure that you understand the process from start to finish.

Enjoy the sunshine and remember: no matter what you are facing, we are here to help you get the benefits you deserve. Together, we can make this your season of success!



JAN DILS brings her expertise to issues that affect you and millions of other Americans every day. Her knowledge encompasses vital areas for Social Security disability benefits and related appeals and claims. With a practice that focuses on the people, Jan Dils ensures you get answers and the right results.

SSI APPEALS Q & A



ALMOST EVERY REQUEST FOR BENEFITS IS DENIED IN THE FIRST ROUND.

With an experienced team of professionals, in your corner, this means the fight has just begun. Here are answers to some frequently asked questions about appeals:

1. What happens if you miss the sixty-day statute of limitation to file your appeal?

Unfortunately, you will have to start completely over with the claim application. You may also lose access to some of the back-pay for benefits. It is imperative to file an appeal within the sixty-day time frame.

2. How do you file an appeal for SSI?

You will receive a letter of denial that will delineate the steps necessary to appeal the decision. The first step is requesting a reconsideration of your claim. If the reconsideration is denied, you will have sixty days to start your appeal's process.

3. What is the biggest mistake you can make when filing for a SSI?

Failing to appeal a denial is the biggest mistake made by persons filing for Supplemental Security Income. Mistakes are often made in the initial review of your case. The appeals' process is in place to correct those mistakes.

Our Social Security Representatives can answer your questions and help you start an appeal for your claim if you have been denied benefits. There is not a minimal number of months or years of work required to file for SSI benefits. Our offices have the advocates you need to succeed in filing your SSI appeal.

**Supplemental Security
Income Changes**

And the Apples Go To...

Jan Dils team member Cheryl Wingrove was on hand at Warren High School to present **February's Golden Apple Award to teacher Ryan Werry**. WHS students cheered as the principal announced that the biology and human anatomy teacher had won the award. Mr. Werry was nominated by one of his former students, who said that he takes the time to make sure each and every student has the opportunity to succeed. Mr. Werry says that his goal is that his students not only learn the lessons, but skills that they can use beyond high school, as well.

In March, Cheryl visited St. Mary's Elementary school to award first grade teacher Mrs. Liz Eddy for her hard work and dedication. A teacher for over 20 years, Mrs. Eddy says that, when all is said and done, she hopes her students leave her classroom with a sense of self-confidence and plans for the future. "I hope that they remember that they are all very important people, and they can achieve anything they want if they put their minds to it. I want them to be good citizens and good people," says Mrs. Eddy. She's a teacher with a heart of gold, and now she's got a golden apple to prove it!

Please join us in congratulating all of our Golden Apple Award winners—they are truly making a difference in our future by touching the lives of our children each day!

The Social Security Administration recently announced that Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security benefits will increase 1.7 percent in 2013. These increases currently affect 62 million Americans.

In 2012, individuals in West Virginia, and across the US, began accessing their Social Security and SSI benefit statements online. This information includes a complete history of their working income and the amount of Social Security Income they should expect to receive.

New Online Services Beginning in January, 2013 Include:

- Filing for benefit payments
- Accessing their Social Security Income benefit verification letter
- Change of address
- Changing or starting directly depositing Social Security and SSI benefit checks into their bank or credit union account
- Accessing payment history of their Social Security and SSI benefits

These new services will allow Social Security offices to decrease their employees' work hours, and assist in eliminating overtime payments.

Distribution of Paper Checks Elimination:

If you receive your SSI, or SS benefit payment in the form of a paper check mailed to you, this will stop as of March 1, 2013, at which time you must either elect to have your check directly deposited into your bank or credit union, or you may elect to receive your benefit payment in the form of a debit card. (Read more at <http://www.jandils.com/supplemental-security-income-changes/>)

**WUZZLE:
TAKE THE CHALLENGE**

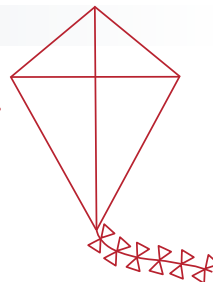
What's a wuzzle you ask? A wuzzle is a saying/phrase that is made up of a display of words, in an interesting way. The object is to try to figure out the well-known saying, person, place, or thing that each wuzzle is meant to represent.

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THERE THERE THERE	Ittttttt...	folks folks folks folks

This issue's solution: 1. Drawn to scale, 2. Round of Applause, 3. Splitting Hairs, 4. They're all the same, 5. There's no end to it, 6. Different strokes for different folks

IT'S TIME TO...

- Hurry up with that melted butter. **May 5th is Lobster Race Day.**
- Break out your flip-flops. **May 7th is No Socks Day.**
- Find your second wind. **May 13th is National Kite Day.**
- Make Fluffy's day "Purrrfect". **May 15th is Hug Your Cat Day.**
- Be a big tipper. **May 21st is Wait Staff Day.**
- Remember our nation's heroes, past and present. **May 27th is Memorial Day.**
- Make a tough decision: glazed or powdered? **June 1st is National Donut Day.**
- Invite your amigos over for a fiesta. **June 12th is National Taco Day.**
- Celebrate your latest culinary disaster. **June 13th is Kitchen Klutzes of America Day.**
- Show your patriotism by displaying Old Glory. **June 14th is Flag Day.**
- Say yes to an impractical purchase. **June 18th is National Splurge Day.**
- Remember those who served. **June 28th is World War I Day.**



**HAWAIIAN MACARONI
SALAD**

Try Hawaiian Macaroni Salad For A Super Summer Side Dish!

Jan Dils Team member Rhonda Casto shares her favorite side dish recipe this month. This simple, tangy cold salad is the perfect companion for everything from cold cut sandwiches to sizzling steaks hot off the grill!

YOU'LL NEED

- Cooked Shell Noodles
- 2 Medium Cucumbers
- 1 Large Onion
- 2 Large Tomatoes
- 1 Container (16 ounce size) Marzetti's® Cole Slaw Dressing

DIRECTIONS

Combine all ingredients. Refrigerate and serve with your favorite main course. Enjoy!





SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY BENEFITS & BEYOND

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CHANGE YOUR NAME ON YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD

STEP 1: Gather documents proving your:

- **Legal name change;**
 - Marriage document;
 - Divorce decree;
 - Certificate of Naturalization showing a new name; or Court-ordered name change.
- **Identity;** and
- **U.S. citizenship** (if you have not established your citizenship with us) or immigration status (including Department of Homeland Security permission to work in the United States.

STEP 2: Complete an Application for a Social Security card.

To do this, go online to [http://ssa-custhelp.ssa.gov/app/answers/detail/a_id/315/~change-a-name-on-a-social-security-card](http://ssa-custhelp.ssa.gov/app/answers/detail/a_id/315/~/change-a-name-on-a-social-security-card) and click the blue link "Application for a Social Security Card".

STEP 3: Take or mail your completed application and documents to your local Social Security office.

All documents must be either originals or certified copies by the issuing agency. Social Security will not accept photocopies or notarized copies of documents. Any documents you mail to Social Security will be returned to you along with a receipt.

Important Information

Social Security will mail your card as soon as they have verified your documents. You should receive your card within 10 business days from the date on your receipt. The new card will have the same number as your previous card, but will show your new name.

Source: http://ssa-custhelp.ssa.gov/app/answers/detail/a_id/315/~change-a-name-on-a-social-security-card

