

Wiley Rein Secures Favorable Ruling for Client in Pro Bono Disability Case

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Wiley Rein recently secured a favorable ruling on behalf of a client in a pro bono disability case. Supervised by partner Timothy C. Brightbill, and with the help of legal assistants Ben Dahl, Garrett Fitzgerald, and Jennifer Tedrick, associate Kathleen E. Scott, and former associate Lucy M. Stark persuaded a Social Security Administration (SSA) administrative law judge to overturn a previous denial of benefits for their client.

Prior to Wiley Rein's involvement in the case, the SSA had rejected the client's application for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits, even though the client had been diagnosed with severe mental and physical impairments that have left her unable to work.

Mr. Brightbill, Ms. Scott, and Ms. Stark authored a 17-page brief on the client's behalf, and represented her in a hearing before the judge. They also submitted extensive evidence documenting her eligibility for the benefits—including medical records and statements from the client's medical providers and case worker. As a result of the attorneys' efforts, the SSA issued a fully favorable decision, and the client has indicated that she is now regularly receiving her SSI and SSDI benefits.

Wiley Rein and its lawyers have been recognized numerous times over the firm's 30-year history for their pro bono contributions, and the firm prides itself on a strong tradition of pro bono service to both local and global communities.

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