

WHAT ARE SOCIAL SECURITY OVERPAYMENTS?

An overpayment occurs when the Social Security Administration (SSA) provides recipients with more supplemental income than their disability or work status allows. SSA will reduce or stop recipients' benefits to recover payments, even if recipients rely on these payments for living expenses.

PRO BONO EXPECTATIONS:

The Advocacy Center staff determines case eligibility. We only refer eligible clients. Pro bono attorneys meet with clients in person or virtually to discuss their case. Volunteers then assist clients with requesting waivers for and appealing overpayments. Sometimes requires negotiating reduced payment rates with SSA.

Time Commitment: 5-15 hours per case

PRO BONO IMPACT:

Preserving social security and supplemental security income improves healthcare and income support for seniors and disabled people. Income security and healthcare are crucial. Overpayment appeals and waivers enable clients to maintain their livelihoods and access to these basic needs.

TRAINING + SUPPORT

We offer trainings to attorneys outside of their practice area. We also provide a tool kit with the necessary materials to take the case. The Advocacy Center staff provide ongoing assistance.



Geraldine, Social Security Client

YOU WOULD ENJOY SSA PRO BONO IF:

- You want to work directly with clients.
- You prefer pro bono areas that do not necessitate going to court.
- Continuous learning opportunities regarding social security interests you (The Advocacy Center provides supplemental trainings to further education and service).

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