

# Today's Presenters

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**Social Security Filings,  
case development, and  
attorney fees**

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**Social Security appeals  
and hearings**

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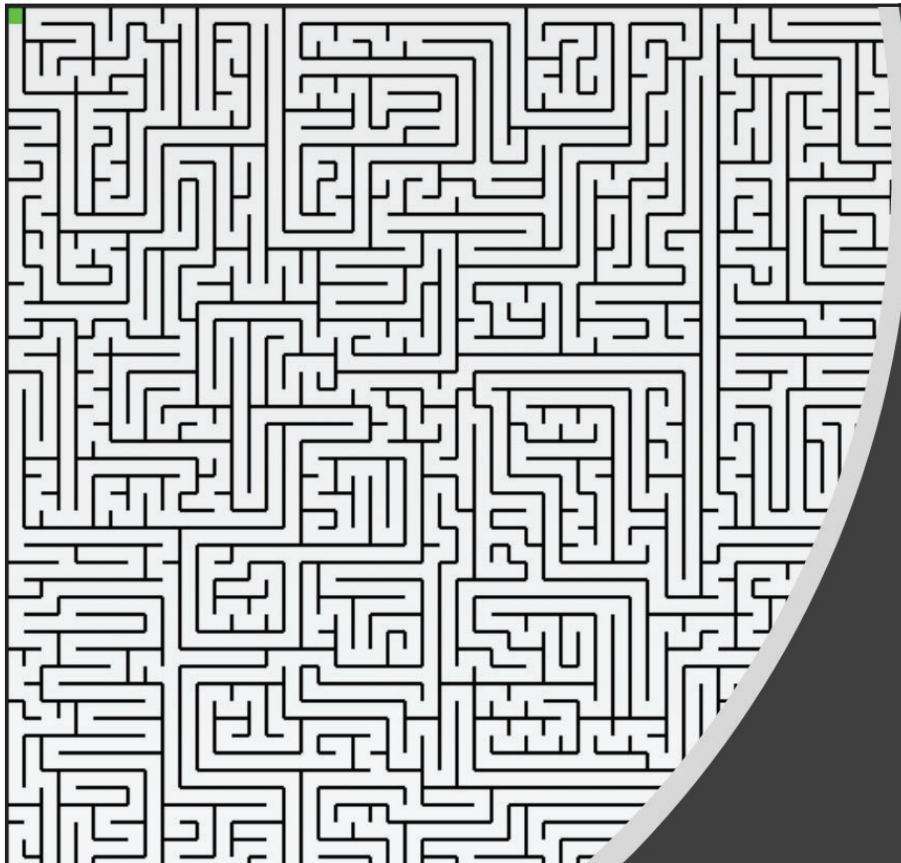
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Applications, Appeals, Overpayments  
and ISM Charges

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Navigating  
through the  
Social Security  
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# Understanding Social Security



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## Social Security has two Major Disability Programs

### **Social Security Disability Insurance (Title II)**

Payments come from the Social Security trust funds and are based on income

A merit-based insurance program for workers who paid Social Security taxes on wages

### **(Supplement Security Income Title 16)**

Payments come from the general treasury fund, NOT the Social Security trust funds.

A needs based public assistance program that does NOT require a person to have work history.

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