

# Common Benefits Termination Problems & How To Solve

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  - Estate Planning (Wills & Trusts & POAs, Special Needs Planning)
  - Probate & Estate Administration
  - Social Security Applications & Appeals
  - Guardianship and Counseling on Alternatives, Supports & Services, and Public Benefits

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# What are we learning today?

- Administrative Law within the Social Security Administration
- Income & Resource Rules for SSI & Medicaid Eligibility
- Tools for fixing excess income & resource issues and restoring SSI eligibility





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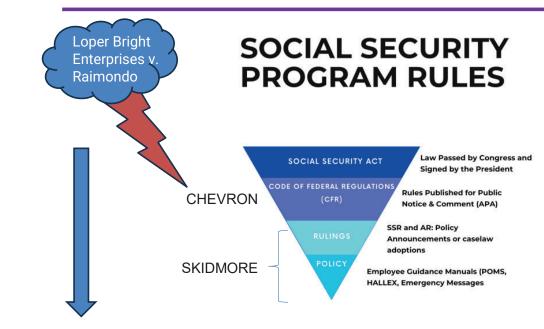
### **Administrative Law**



"Administrative law is not for sissies—so you should lean back, clutch the sides of your chair, and steel yourselves for a pretty dull lecture. There will be a quiz afterward."—The Honorable Antonin Scalia, Judicial Deference to Administrative Interpretations of Law, 3 DUKE L. J. 511 (1989)

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### Administrative Law: SSA



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### Social Security Program: Title 16

- Title XVI of the Social Security Act (T16)
  - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
    - Disabled children under the age of 18
      - Parent/Step-Parent Income & Resource Deeming Rules Apply
    - Disabled adults with limited or no work history
      - » Child support counts 100%
    - Adult citizens age 65 or older (do not have to prove disability)
  - Limited Income & Resources

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