

The Five Step Sequential Evaluation Process

[Substantive]

[Common sense translation]

Are you working now?

Is the claimant engaging in "substantial gainful activity?"

Yes

No

Do you have a minor problem?

Does the claimant have a "non-severe impairment"?

Yes

No

Do you have an extremely serious illness, such as terminal cancer, that should qualify you automatically?

Does the claimant have an impairment which meets or equals the Listing of Impairments?

Yes

No

Are you able to return to any type of work you did in the last 15 years?

Can the claimant return to any former work which he had during the previous 15 years?

Yes

No

Given that you are a handicapped person, is there any other job anywhere that you are capable of doing?

Given the claimant's Residual Functional Capacity, is there any other work that the claimant can do?

Yes

No

NOT DISABLED
(Claimant loses)

AWARD
CERTIFICATE
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(Claimant wins)