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Illinois Social Security Disability Attorneys: Mental Illnesses and Disorders

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If a severe mental illness or disorder prevents you from working, you are eligible for **Social Security disability** benefits. Many people do not realize that these conditions can qualify for SSDI benefits, but mental impairments can be just as debilitating as some physical impairments. Getting your claim for a mental disability approved, however, can be challenging. Hiring an attorney who is versed in these types of Social Security disability claims is your best opportunity for a successful result.

Eligible Mental Illnesses and Disorders

Your **eligibility** for SSDI benefits depends on the type and severity of your illness. The Social Security Administration (SSA) provides a **list of mental illnesses and disorders** that potentially qualify for benefits in its blue book. These include:

- *Organic mental disorders
- *Schizophrenic, paranoid and other psychotic disorders
- *Affective disorders
- *Mental retardation
- *Anxiety-related disorders
- *Somatoform disorders
- *Personality disorders
- *Substance addiction disorders
- *Autistic disorder and other pervasive developmental disorders

The blue book outlines a litany of requirements for these illnesses and disorders to qualify for benefits. It is not enough to have a diagnosis. Claimants must show that they are unable to work and have a demonstrated **long-term disability**. It's important to choose an SSDI lawyer that understands all of the evidence required in disability claims citing mental impairments. At **Ankin Law Office**, our attorneys are experienced in working on SSDI claims of



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all types including those involving mental illnesses and disorders. We work with our clients and their doctors to gather the necessary evidence to win a favorable decision. If you are planning to [apply for Social Security disability benefits](#) or your claim has been denied, [contact us](#) today to schedule a consultation.