

## **How will I pay my attorney?**

You will be pleased to know that if you decide to retain Mr. Christensen to represent you, our office accepts cases on a contingency basis. What this means to you is that we will only require a fee if your case is won. The contingency fee arrangement allows you to receive the expert legal services you deserve, but might not otherwise be able to afford.

### ***Contingency Fees in Social Security cases:***

When your case is won, Social Security will need to approve the amount our office can charge for fees. In Social Security the amount an attorney can charge is set by law at 25% of your *past due benefits*, but cannot exceed \$6,000. Social Security will withhold this amount from your past due benefits and pay it directly to the attorney. You will receive the balance of the lump sum of your past due benefits. Your ongoing monthly benefits will not be affected by attorney fees. (“Past due benefits” or “retroactive” benefits begin from the time you are first eligible for disability up to the date your claim is approved.)

You will also be responsible to pay for costs incurred by our office associated with the processing of your case. These costs may include photocopying, payments to medical providers to obtain medical records and reports, postage, and other miscellaneous charges. Total costs in a Social Security case usually do not exceed \$100.