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Not All Lung Cancers Are The Same



Eighty-five to 90 percent of lung cancer deaths involve smokers; however, there is still that 10–15 percent chunk that does not – an estimated 15,000 Americans each year. If “never smokers” lung cancer was its own class of disease, it would be the sixth-most common cause of cancer deaths.

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers, followed by secondhand smoke. But even after you factor in these two causes, there is still a significant number of never-smokers who come down with lung cancer.

Currently, lung cancer treatments are the same for smokers as for never-smokers. This methodology is changing with the findings that lung cancer in never-smokers is different from lung cancer in smokers—on a genetic, cellular, and molecular level. Some studies suggest never-smokers respond better to chemotherapy. Certain genetic mutations are more prevalent in the cells of never-smokers; thus, targeted therapies that fixate solely on these mutations may become more common. There may be an inherited component to never-smokers’ lung cancer as well.

Depending on your exact diagnosis and the severity of your condition, you may be eligible to receive Social Security disability benefits if you have lung cancer. In fact, if your condition is serious enough, your application may even be expedited. Please call our office if you have any questions about how to start the application process or what to do if you’ve already applied for disability benefits and been denied. ■

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Stick to Your Treatment Plan

One of the most important pieces of advice we give to our clients – whether they are receiving disability benefits or if they were injured in a car wreck – is to stick to their treatment plan and follow their doctors’ orders. Failure to do so can have devastating consequences, including loss of benefits or ruining any chance of collecting compensation in a personal injury claim.

Why? Because insurance companies and defense attorneys will pounce on missed appointments or deviations from treatment plans as proof (even if it’s not true) that you really must not be all that seriously hurt or suffering too much from your condition if you are not following your doctor’s advice and sticking to the plan prescribed for you. ■

Thank You. A referral from a former client or friend is the greatest compliment our firm can receive. We are grateful for every referral – and for each one of you who recently referred a friend or family member we say – “Thank You!”

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Biscotti ala Bruni

From Josephine Bruni

Here is a Recipe from John's mother in law Josephine Bruni, of Torrington CT. She wrote out the recipe this weekend when I told her I needed it for the law office newsletter. Jo Bruni does not miss a beat! John's wife, Patti, says you can mix up the recipe by adding either mini chocolate bits, cranberries, sliced almonds, chopped walnuts or raisins. ■



Biscotti ala Bruni
2 cups flour, 2 teas. baking powder, pinch salt,
8 TBls unsalted butter, 3/4 cup sugar, 1 TBls. GRATED
ORANGE or lemon peel, 2 EGGS, 1 teas vanilla, 1 teas ANISE
EXTRACT,
Heat oven to 350°. Combine flour, baking powder, salt, set aside.
Beat butter, sugar, peel, in large mix. bowl medium speed
until well blended. Add Eggs ONE AT A TIME. Beat in VANILLA
OR ANISE OR BOTH. Gradually beat in dry ingred. until smooth.
Divide dough in half. On large greased cookie sheet, shape
each piece into 9x1 1/2 inch log and place on cookie sheet, 3" apart.

Flatten each log to 3/4" thick and 3" wide
Bake 18 to 20 minutes until edges are lightly browned
Cool on sheet 10 min. Meanwhile reduce oven to 325°
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With serrated knife cut each log into 1/2" slices.
Turn slices cut side down on cookie sheet; bake till
bottoms of cookies turn golden 8 to 10 minutes.
Turn cookies over and bake about 8 min.
Cool and enjoy
Josephine Bruni

Testimonial

"I've had lawyers before, but never anyone like you guys. You always answered the phone and always answered my questions even about retroactive benefits and payments. Thanks for all the help. You guys are awesome!"

- Peter

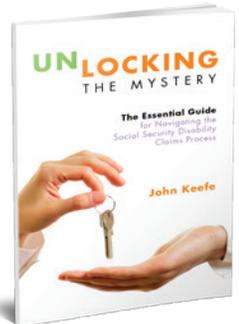
Attention – New Book Available

It will save you a ton of headaches and frustration...and it's FREE!

If you or a loved one is considering applying for Social Security Disability benefits because a physical or mental condition has made working impossible, you need to know what you are up against. Applying for SSI or SSDI benefits can be an arduous, slow and frustrating process, and there are many opportunities for people to make major mistakes that can limit their ability to collect benefits or cause their claim to be denied entirely. Get the information you need with this helpful new book from Keefe Disability Law. You'll learn:

- How to avoid the critical mistakes that sink many claims' chances of succeeding
- The eligibility requirements that are in place for Social Security Disability
- The basic steps for applying for Social Security Disability benefits
- The various key items you'll need on-hand when you apply
- How to properly fill out a Disability Report
- The process of appealing a denied claim before the deadline

Request your free copy today by calling our office or visiting us on the Web at www.KeefeLaw.com. ■



Keefe Family Update

Although I have been practicing Social Security disability law for the last 19 years, and have worked as an attorney since 1974, not all my jobs have been in the legal field. Recently I have been thinking about some of the jobs I had when I first started working.

MAIL ROOM CLERK When I was 16 and in high school I worked one summer in my Dad's office at 126 Newbury Street, in the Back Bay section of Boston. Harry J. Keefe was one of 3 partners in a firm of architects and engineers. There were 45 employees. I worked in the mailroom at a counter where we prepared all the outgoing mail, and opened and distributed all the incoming mail. We also handled the sending out of original linen architectural drawings to the print shops where blueprints would be prepared.



Newbury Street Boston

SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR In the middle of the day, I had to relieve the telephone receptionist so she could take a one hour lunch break. In order to answer the phone as receptionist, I had to operate the manual telephone switchboard panel so the call coming in on one line could be connected to the phone at the desk of the architect or engineer who the call was for. The equipment was pretty old. If you got a call in for an architect from a contractor at a construction site you had to pull the wire of the incoming call out from the panel about 12 inches, and then plug it into the socket that corresponded to the phone on the desk in the architect's office. Since it was lunchtime, many of the workers were taking a break from work. One young man, newly married, used to go into the almost private space behind the switchboard and call his wife. Although he talked in a soft voice, I could pretty much tell that she missed him each day as much as he missed her, and it was hard for them to be apart for the whole workday. Calls for the big boss, my Dad's older partner, were handled in a special way. His calls took priority over all other matters at the switchboard, including other pending calls. His incoming calls had to be "announced" to his secretary before they could be connected to the phone at his desk. The possibility of mishandling priority calls used to keep me on my toes, and added some healthy stress to that mailroom summer job.



Switchboard

EMPLOYEE CONFLICT From the mailroom counter we could see the big room where all the drafting tables were set up and where each of the architects had a table and a phone. One day a scuffle broke out between the two oldest men in the room, who worked side by side. The artist who drew all the renderings to show what the new buildings would look like was an immigrant from Hungary who preferred the air conditioning to be turned on low so it was not too cold. The architect next to him was sweltering and liked to turn the air conditioning on high. After a little bit of pushing and angry words, both were embarrassed and another worker set the air conditioner on medium. After about an hour, the artist took the long walk from his desk to go back and sit down with my Dad. After 20 minutes he came back to his drawing table. An hour later, the architect also took the long walk to my Dad's office, and 30 minutes later he returned to his table. Driving home that night, I asked my Dad what he said to the men. He told me that although he did tell each "not to do it again," mostly he just quietly listened, giving each one his focused attention while they told their whole story. I got the idea that in his view it was all settled, neither was in trouble, and that in fact nothing would flare up again. For the rest of the summer while I was there nothing more came up between them and the air conditioner, so I guess nothing came of it, and it was in fact settled.



John Harry Paul

Important Reminder

Once you become our client, we want you to think of us as your law firm. If you have any legal matter that needs attention, let us know. If we can not handle the matter, we will refer you to a firm that can. Please feel free to refer us to your friends and family for their legal needs. We welcome the opportunity to help.

The legal professionals at Keefe Disability Law can resolve claims involving: Personal Injury Cases, Car Accidents, Long Term Disability, Short Term Disability, Drowning, Truck Accidents, Motorcycle Accidents, Boating Accidents, Bicycle Accidents, Social Security Disability, Highway Defects, Dog Bites, Burn Injuries, Worker's Compensation, Premises Liability, Dangerous Drugs, Spinal Injuries, Defective Medical Devices and Nursing Home Negligence.

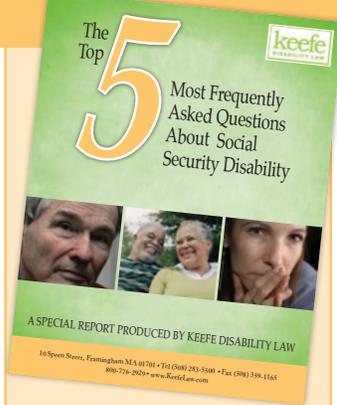


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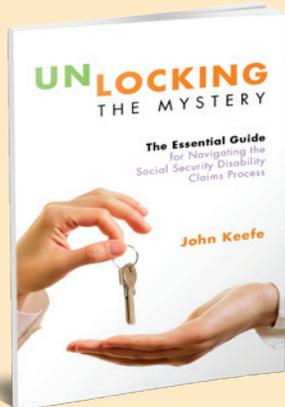
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Staff Member Spotlight



At Keefe Disability Law, we're fortunate to have a terrific staff in place to help our clients navigate their Social Security Disability claims. Since we all pick up the phone at our firm, we'd like you to get to know a little bit more about the individuals who make up our team. This issue our spotlight is on **Carey Parker**, an attorney with our firm.

Born: Syracuse, NY

Lives: Framingham

Pets: Cat named Kitty

Undergraduate: Nazareth College of Rochester (NY)

Law School: New England School of Law

First Job: When I was 15; cashier at Wegmans.

What's on your iPod? A variety, including Coldplay and Van Morrison

What are you reading? I enjoy "beach reads" by authors such as Jodi Picoult, Kristin Hannah and Elin Hilderbrand

Favorite place to visit: Upstate New York to visit family and friends.

Favorite meal: Homemade macaroni and cheese

Like to do when not at work: Since I'm not from New England I enjoy exploring all of the little towns in the area,

especially in the summer.

Favorite sports team: Syracuse Orange – basketball

Favorite TV Show: The Good Wife

Event in history that you'd like to have witnessed in person: The 1940s would have been an exciting time to live through, especially the end of World War II.

What's on your bucket list? Travel to more countries in Europe and explore Asia.

Favorite quote: "My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style"- Maya Angelou

Pet peeves: Dishonest people

Surprising fact about you: I have five siblings (some by marriage). The age difference between my oldest sister and youngest is 29 years. ■