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HIGHLIGHTS

Compliments keep coming for Tom Bush's popular book and CD. This annual update will help bring more, for it continues Mr. Bush's tradition of continually improving and expanding what many claim is the finest work on social security disability.

This supplement features the changes noted below. Out of those, Mr. Bush recommends that you carefully read **Res Judicata, §370**, and **Attorney's Fees, Chapter 7**, due to the extent and impact of their changes. He also suggests that you review **Appendix 5**, which can be used to cross-examine vocational experts. It shows detailed characteristics of the sedentary occupational base.

New residual functional capacity forms

- Interstitial cystitis. §230.1.1
- Vision questionnaire. §232.3
- **Vision impairment.** §232.4
- Manipulative limitations. §263.1.1

These additions bring the total number of medical opinion forms in the book to 26. Additional medical opinion forms may be found on the CD.

Updated sections

- SSA practices regarding direct payment waivers. §178.3
- Two-tiered fee agreement. §178.3.1
- Evidentiary value of VA disability ratings. §211.1
- Limitations of SSA medical source statements. §221.5
- Interstitial cystitis – Social Security Ruling 02-2p. §230
- Vision. §232
- Obesity – Social Security Ruling 02-1p. §238
- Mental retardation with onset before age 22 – proving deficits in adaptive functioning. §244.1
- Assessing mental residual functional capacity. §245

- Drug addiction or alcoholism. §249
- Manipulative limitations residual functional capacity questionnaire. §263.1
- Memorandum on testifying at your disability hearing. §293
- The importance of lay witness testimony. §294
- Memorandum on preparing a letter supporting a disability claim. §297.5

Res judicata, administrative finality, and reopening. §370

- Updated OCO inquiries and manager telephone and fax numbers. §444
- Updated Appeals Council branch, circuit jurisdiction, and fax numbers. §515.1
- Reopening by the Appeals Council at the claimant's request. §531
- Guide to important Social Security Rulings and Acquiescence Rulings. *Appendix 1*
- Sources of information. *Appendix 2*
- **Unskilled sedentary occupations.** *Appendix 5*
- Conflicting obligations regarding medical evidence. *Appendix 9*

Plus Chapter 7 on Attorney's Fees, which has been heavily revised because of new HALLEX sections.

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