

After the Hearing

1. After the hearing is done, wait for your representative outside. The representative will explain what went on at the hearing and will answer any questions that you have. The representative can give you an opinion as to whether you won the hearing or not. The decision is not final until you receive the written decision.
2. Again, the Judge usually will not announce a decision at the hearing. We will get it in the mail usually one to three months after the hearing date. The Judge's office will mail the original to you and a copy to our office.
3. Call our office when you receive your written decision. Remember, we might not have received our copy yet, so we might have to call you back to discuss the decision.
4. If you have to be admitted to the hospital or some other major development occurs regarding your health while we are waiting for a decision in your case, please let us know as soon as possible.
5. If we win, you will not be paid until approximately three months from the date of the Judge's decision. We will send you a letter once we've received the decision to let you know what happens next. You should also receive a detailed letter from the Social security office explaining your benefits.