



**TOWER LAW GROUP**  
PROTECT WHAT'S PRICELESS®

# YOU'VE HELPED THE CLIENT THIS FAR. NOW, LET US HELP YOU.

The Social Security Administration's Appeals Council remands only 11% of the requests for review. It denies, on average, 85% of appeals. However, federal courts remand Administrative Law Judge decisions at an average rate of 59%. The lesson: appeal your disability claim to district court if it is denied by the Appeals Council.



## Is Your Practice Built for Disability Appeals in the Federal Courts?

Disability appeals in the federal courts are vastly different than the practice before the Social Security Administration. Each disability appeal means a typical commitment of 40 to 60 hours. It's an adversarial litigation process that can require:

-  Filing a complaint and service of process
-  Analyzing thousands of pages of medical records
-  Researching and preparing a 25 to 35 page opening brief
-  Researching and preparing a 15 to 20 page reply brief refuting Agency claims
-  Filing objections or motions necessary to defend your client
-  Presenting oral argument before the district court

District court appeals have different, sometimes unmovable, deadlines. It can be difficult to work these cases into your administrative practice.

Even if you win at the district court, you run the risk of not getting paid for your work.



## Our Federal Appellate Practice Complements Your Administrative Practice

We are a boutique Social Security disability practice and only handle the federal appeals, not agency level matters. We've built this appellate disability practice through a unique referral program.

We are leaders in the Social Security Disability bar. We don't just stay up to date on the changes in Social Security Disability law - we are committed to helping other disability advocates take their administrative practices to the next level. We often present at national conferences.

## Critical Appellate Representation At No Additional Cost to You or Your Client

Our office will handle all the aspects of the federal case from the complaint to judgment. We share the risk with you by taking these appeals on a contingency basis. If we win, our work is paid through the Equal Access to Justice Act (“EAJA”) and 42 U.S.C. § 406(B) fees. ***The rest is yours.***

We don’t compete with you for the 25% of the back pay. You remain the sole representative for 42 U.S.C. § 406(A) fees for your work before the Agency. We only work for the EAJA fee and Section 406(B) fees – ***after*** you have already received your Section 406(A) fee.



## We Respect Your Relationship with Your Client

If you refer the case to us, you won’t lose your client. You’re gaining an ally who respects your relationship with your client. When we handle your federal appeals, we keep you up to date at all stages of the litigation. We’re here to support your relationship with your client – as a team.

After a successful appeal by our office in the federal courts, the matter is seamlessly returned to your office to handle the remand proceedings. You will continue to represent the client before the Agency.

## How to Add Us to Your Legal Team

Instead of giving up after an Appeals Council denial, add us to your legal team and take advantage of our extensive federal court appellate experience ***at no additional cost to you or your client.***

If you’re ready to do what you do best for your client and let us help with the rest, **give us a call at (866) 205-4014 or [click here to schedule your free discovery call.](#)**



**Featured Attorney:**

**Adriana de la Torre**

*Co-Founder, Tower Law Group*

Adriana’s practice focuses exclusively on representing individuals who have been denied Social Security benefits and must seek judicial review of the Social Security Administration’s decision in federal court. Adriana has extensive experience in litigating Social Security cases in the federal courts, where she zealously seeks to reverse the agency’s erroneous denial of benefits to claimants. Adriana continuously strives to provide the highest level of representation for her clients in court proceedings to ensure that their claims are adjudicated consistent with applicable statutes, agency regulations, and judicial precedent.

A member of the National Organization of Social Security Claimant Representatives (NOSSCR), Adriana has been invited to be a presenter at several national NOSSCR Conferences, including conferences in Denver, Miami, and Seattle. Adriana also served as a presenter at disability conferences sponsored by the Chicago Bar Association, the Orange County Bar Association, and the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum. In addition to her many speaking engagements, Adriana has authored several articles on Social Security Disability Law for the Indianapolis Bar Association. Adriana is also active with the Indiana State Bar Association’s Social Security Disability group.

Prior to co-founding Tower Law Group in 2011 with her sister and law partner, Carina de la Torre, Adriana served as an Assistant Regional Counsel in the Social Security Administration’s Office of the General Counsel, Region V, Chicago. As an Assistant Regional Counsel, she defended the Social Security Administration, in legal actions arising under Titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act before courts of original and appellate jurisdiction and administrative agencies in a five-state region. During her tenure with the Agency, Adriana acquired a comprehensive knowledge of the Social Security Act, related federal and state statutes, regulations, Social Security Rulings, Agency interpretation of pertinent court decisions, and the court precedents in the Courts of Appeals for the Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Circuits. She was also appointed Special Assistant United States Attorney to represent the Agency in various jurisdictions, including: Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

**Court Admissions:**

**State Courts:**

Illinois (2006)  
Florida (2020)

**Federal Appellate Courts:**

Supreme Court of the United States  
United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit  
United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit  
United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

**Federal District Courts:**

Northern District of Illinois (General Bar)  
Northern District of Illinois (Trial Bar)  
Central District of Illinois  
Southern District of Illinois  
Southern District of Indiana  
Northern District of Indiana

Eastern District of Wisconsin  
Western District of Wisconsin  
Southern District of Florida  
Middle District of Florida  
Northern District of Florida

Northern District of Texas  
Southern District of Texas  
Eastern District of Texas  
Western District of Texas  
Western District of Michigan

## How Else Can We Help?

We help you Protect What's Priceless® at Tower Law Group. Our top priority is to protect clients and everyone and everything they love, through estate planning, elder law and asset protection, probate and trust administration, Medicaid qualification and special needs planning.



Estate Planning



Probate



Elder Law



Medicaid  
Qualification



Special Needs  
Planning

**We want to be a resource to you. What else can we do to serve you?**

### Featured Attorney:

## Carina de la Torre

*Co-Founder, Tower Law Group*

Carina focuses her practice on estate planning, elder law and asset protection, and probate and trust administration. Years of litigation experience provide Carina with a focus on proactive asset protection planning in all areas of her practice and a mission to keep families out of court and out of conflict.

Prior to co-founding Tower Law Group, Carina practiced with Bose McKinney & Evans LLP, where she enjoyed a broad-based commercial litigation practice. In 2011, Carina co-founded Tower Law Group with her sister and law partner, Adriana de la Torre, in order to focus her practice on serving individuals, families, and small business owners who are looking to Protect What's Priceless®: their peace of mind, their family, their assets, and their legacy.

Carina is fluent in Spanish and is dedicated to serving the needs of her diverse client base. She is a frequent guest speaker and presenter, seeking to educate and empower individuals to protect everyone they love and everything they've built through effective estate planning and asset protection plans.



### State Admissions

Indiana (2004)  
Florida (2017)

### Honors and Awards

SuperLawyers® (Top Rated Estate Planning and Probate Attorney)  
SuperLawyers Rising Stars®  
Avvo 10.0 Rating of Top Attorney