



CLAUDIO TAPIA

LICENSED PARALEGAL

Law Degree (Venezuela)

Claudio Tapia is a paralegal licensed by the Law Society of Upper Canada (LSUC). He has provided legal services in Ontario since February 2000. His office is located in Toronto. Claudio communicates in English, Spanish and Portuguese. His practice is insured. Claudio obtained his law degree from Catholic University in Caracas, Venezuela in 1994.

Areas of Practice:

WSIB claims and appeals

WSIAT appeals

CPP-Disability appeals

ODSP appeals

Claudio represents injured workers in all aspects of their cases before the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB). He assists workers in obtaining recognition of their workplace injuries and entitlement to benefits, loss of earnings (LOE) benefits, awards for permanent impairments (NEL), vocational rehabilitation services, and work transition services. Claudio advocates for clients at the Case Manager (WSIB) and Appeals Branch levels.

He also has a record of success advocating for injured workers at the Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal (WSIAT). The Tribunal operates independently from the WSIB and provides injured workers with a final decision in their case. The issues Claudio has dealt with at the WSIAT include extensions of time for appeals, recognition of injuries and entitlement to LOE benefits, award of benefits for organic, psychological injuries or chronic pain disability (NEL award), vocational rehabilitation services appeals, and suitability of job offers from the employer.

Claudio represents applicants for Canada Pension Plan Disability benefits in their dealings with Service Canada and on appeals before the Social Security Tribunal (formerly the Office of the Commissioner of Review Tribunals) and the Pension Appeals Board (PAB).

He also does Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) appeals. He advocates with the ODSP Disability Adjudication Unit and appears before the Social Benefits Tribunal.