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Former Judge Heads Up Local Law Firm's Social Security Disability Division

Attorney JoAnn Spinks Coleman brings 25 years of judiciary experience to Hughes & Coleman

BOWLING GREEN, Ky., April 28, 2011—Attorney JoAnn Spinks Coleman believes her experience as a judge in the Kentucky court system gives her a unique perspective on the everyday challenges real people face. She recently joined local personal injury law firm Hughes & Coleman to oversee the firm's Social Security Disability department, where she will work one-on-one with clients to help them understand their rights and provide guidance throughout the legal process. This includes helping clients who are unable to work due to an injury or disease and, as a result, may be eligible to receive Social Security Disability benefits.

Ms. Coleman has spent the past 25 years handling cases involving traffic citations, civil matters, divorce, small claims, domestic issues, probate matters, and child abuse, to name a few. Now, she'll be using that experience to help people in a different capacity.

"Unexpected conditions, injuries, and diseases can develop over time, which can leave a person in financial trouble if they are unable to work," said attorney J. Marshall Hughes, co-founder of Hughes & Coleman.

"Three out of four claims are denied after the initial application, and with JoAnn Coleman's guidance, our law firm is here to help those who are unable to work and are struggling financially."

How Do I qualify for Social Security Disability Benefits?

Ms. Coleman says the most common question clients ask is about qualifying for Social Security Disability benefits. She explains that applicants must meet two criteria established by the government: (1) having any medical condition that prevents applicants from being able to work, and (2) having worked five of the past 10 years will most likely qualify applicants for Social Security Disability benefits.

"I'm passionate about helping people. I believe that if you're going to do something, do it well or don't do it at all."

JoAnn Spinks Coleman
Social Security Disability Attorney
Hughes & Coleman

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While earning her degree in education at Western Kentucky University, Ms. Coleman started working at the county judge's office, which fostered her love for the law and resulted in her obtaining a law degree from the University of Louisville several years later. "I have a genuine passion for my family and for helping people. One of the most important things in life is family," said Ms. Coleman, who has been married to the firm's co-founder, attorney Lee Coleman, for 29 years.

"The thing I most admire about Hughes & Coleman is how everyone there makes you feel like part of the family," Ms. Coleman said. "The firm has always helped people and cared about its clients, and offering our advice on Social Security Disability matters is just another way we can help."

About Hughes & Coleman

Hughes & Coleman is committed to providing excellent, efficient legal services and achieving outstanding results in Kentucky and Tennessee. In addition to handling Social Security Disability claims, the law firm also handles personal injury claims and bankruptcy claims. The firm's goal is to develop and maintain long-term, mutually beneficial attorney-client relationships. Co-founders J. Marshall Hughes and Lee L. Coleman are both accomplished injury attorneys with strong ties to the community and are members of various civic and professional organizations. Hughes & Coleman has offices in Kentucky and Tennessee. To learn more, visit www.HughesAndColeman.com.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: *Photograph of JoAnn Coleman available upon request.*