

Irina Rodney

REGIONAL HEARING TEAM LEAD | SSDI/SSI CASE MANAGEMENT | LEGAL OPERATIONS

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Results-driven Regional Hearing Team Lead with 3+ years of high-volume SSDI/SSI appeals experience at Nyman Turkish PC (#6 on the 2024 SSA Top 500 Representative Firms). Rapidly progressed from Pre-Hearing Case Manager to Regional Hearing Team Lead while building firm-wide training programs that improved team performance in high-turnover environments. Proven ability to manage large-scale hearing caseloads, drive compliance, and deliver measurable outcomes. Trilingual (English, Ukrainian, Russian) with a strong paralegal background and deep SSA process knowledge. Currently preparing for law school and the LSAT. Seeking senior roles in case management, legal operations, compliance, or training within dynamic legal environments.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Nyman Turkish PC — Roseville, CA

September 2022 – Present

Regional Hearing Team Lead / Hearing Team Lead

April 2025 – Present

Promoted to Regional Hearing Team Lead, October 2025 • Hybrid / Remote

- Oversee 89 aged ALJ hearing claims (including 64 actively scheduled hearings), managing the full appeals lifecycle from medical evidence coordination through post-decision award notice processing.
- Lead firm-wide case manager training and onboarding programs that significantly reduce ramp-up time and sustain high performance in a high-turnover environment.
- Ensure firm-wide compliance with SSA regulations, deadlines, due process requirements, and documentation standards across all active caseloads.
- Manage high-volume caseloads of 100–150+ SSDI/SSI hearings per month while maintaining quality benchmarks and regional operational excellence.
- Serve as primary operational liaison between attorneys, medical providers, and clients to ensure case integrity and readiness across the regional caseload.

Hearing Case Manager

February 2023 – March 2025

Remote

- Managed full lifecycle of 465+ SSDI/SSI claims and appeals, coordinating medical records, preparing claimants for ALJ hearings, and processing award notices.
- Contributed to 200+ Hearing Decided – WIN outcomes and 27 partial wins through meticulous evidence gathering and case advocacy.
- Generated 15 Collect Fees cases and maintained active pipelines across appeals, scheduled hearings, and ready-to-schedule hearings.

Pre-Hearing Case Manager

September 2022 – February 2023

On-site

- Built and organized case files and medical evidence for high-volume SSDI/SSI claims to prepare them for submission and processing by the Social Security Administration.
- Maintained accurate and complete documentation across a high-volume caseload, supporting efficient intake and claims processing workflows.

Disability Advocate — Self-Employed

2014 – May 2022

CALDR Disability Advocate

- Filed and managed SSDI/SSI applications and appeals, drafting position statements and representing clients throughout the administrative process.
- Represented clients in state fair hearings for IHSS (In-Home Supportive Services) and Medi-Cal/Medicaid, successfully filing appeals, preparing position statements, and advocating at administrative hearings.
- Conducted legal research and compliance reviews; coordinated with medical providers to strengthen claims and improve approval outcomes.

Paralegal

2010 – 2013

Law Offices of Peter Cianchetta — Sacramento, CA

- Drafted legal motions, correspondence, and court documents; conducted legal research and managed discovery calendars.
- Coordinated with clients and opposing counsel to maintain case momentum and meet court deadlines.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice Administration — University of Phoenix

August 2025

Associate of Arts, Paralegal Studies (ABA Approved) — MTI College

2004 – 2006

CORE COMPETENCIES

Expertise: SSDI/SSI Appeals • ALJ Hearing Preparation • Full-Cycle Case Management • Medical Evidence Coordination • Team Training & Development • Legal Research & Drafting • SSA Compliance & Due Process • Regional Operations Leadership • Award Notice Processing • Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook) • Google Workspace (Docs, Sheets, Slides, Drive, Gmail)

Languages: English (native) • Ukrainian (fluent) • Russian (fluent)