



THE LEGAL ADVISOR

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Three Changes to Social Security in 2023

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This year will bring three major changes to Social Security.

First, the amount of money at which workers will be taxed is increasing from \$147,000 to \$160,200. This means that more money will be deposited into workers' Social Security accounts.

Second, seniors will receive a 8.7% cost of living increase.

Third, earning limits for senior retirees who are still working are going up to \$21,240 (if they don't hit full retirement age during the year) and \$56,520 (if they reach full retirement age during the year).

If you have any questions about your Social Security benefits, please call your local Social Security office. Many scammers send emails or make calls to people telling them they have an important update on their Social Security - merely to steal people's Social Security Numbers!

LEGALESE: SERVICE

This edition's legal word is "service." When someone files a complaint to begin a legal action, or responds to a complaint in an answer, all parties relevant to the action must be "served." Service is "perfected" (successful) when all necessary parties have received notice of the action. Service can be perfected via regular mail, certified/registered mail, or in-person. If service is not perfected, meaning a necessary party (e.g., defendant, co-defendant, involved social service agency) was not served, a court may not proceed on the action until all parties are served. A court may reschedule hearings or dismiss the case altogether!

JANUARY 2022

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebrations in Cleveland

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., many Cleveland institutions will be celebrating his legacy. Events are free, though some may require reservations in advance. May we all strive to live the legacy of Dr. King by promoting kindness, equity, and social justice.

*The Rock Hall - Free - In-Person and Virtual programming on Jan. 16- Register at www.rockhall.com/events/martin-luther-king-jr-day-0 .

*The Cleveland Orchestra - Free - In-Person concert on Jan. 15 - Register at ClevelandOrchestra.com starting at 10 a.m. on Jan. 7.

*Cleveland History Center - Free - In-Person on Jan. 16 - No Registration - Heroes Exhibit.

*Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage - Free - In-Person on Jan. 16 - Programming includes exhibit of Civil Rights Photographers.

*Cleveland Museum of Natural History Discovery Day - Free - In-Person - No Registration.

UNUSUAL LAWS

Strange Laws Around the US (Minnesota)

- Public drunkenness is not a crime (in and of itself).
- In Minnetonka, it's illegal and a public nuisance to deposit dirt off your truck tires.
- "Areas where mosquitoes incubate or hatch are declared to be public nuisances."



IN-PERSON BRIEF ADVICE CLINICS, WORKSHOPS, AND KNOW YOUR RIGHTS SESSIONS WILL CONTINUE IN 2023! IF YOUR ORGANIZATION NEEDS US, PLEASE CALL! CONTACT US AT 216.861.5323. AVAILABILITY IS LIMITED. Also, Check our our self study workshops on our website!

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