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Appeal Wins Injured Blind Worker \$120,000

Legally blind almost since birth, a man was still able to work until he suffered a serious neck injury. Following surgery, he was unable to return to his former position. In an attempt to modify or suspend the workers' compensation benefits, the employer's insurance company performed a labor market survey that alleged the man was still able to work in various positions such as security guard watching TV monitors, or as a hotel clerk. The Pennsylvania law firm of Liever, Hyman & Potter defended the injured man's petition on the basis that his visual impairment had to be taken into consideration to determine what his "residual earning capacity" was at the time. Although the workers' compensation judge initially found against the client, the lawyers successfully appealed the matter. The strength and structure of their case earned their client a settlement of \$120,000, and also maximized the man's Social Security disability benefits.

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