

## MEMORANDUM

To: Social Security Advisory Board  
Subject: Biography of Ken Nibali  
Date: February 11, 2015

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**Ken Nibali** served as Associate Commissioner for Disability at the Social Security Administration from 1998- 2002. In this position, Mr. Nibali was the top official responsible for the nation's disability program, and ran a \$1.5 billion budget that covered the operations of 54 states and territories as they carried out the adjudication of claims for disability throughout the country. During this time, he was also responsible for the policies and procedures used to make determinations on disability claims, whether by the state agencies or by administrative law judges upon appeal. Mr. Nibali was particularly involved in assuring that legislative changes to the Supplemental Security Income Program for disabled children were regulated and implemented in as fair a manner as possible for the more than one million children affected. Prior areas of leadership included equal employment opportunity and management analysis. Among awards and honors, Mr. Nibali received the Commissioner of Social Security's Leadership Award in 1998 and the President of the United States' Meritorious Executive Award in 1999. After 31 years of service at SSA, Mr. Nibali is currently retired from federal service and works as a private consultant on issues relating to the Social Security disability programs. He recently served as an expert witness in class action lawsuit involving disability insurance companies requiring policyholders to file claims with SSA. He has also been involved in several projects with the National Academy of Social Insurance. Mr. Nibali holds a BA in Economics from Western Maryland College and a JD with Honors from the University of Maryland School of Law. He was admitted to the Maryland Bar in 1978.