

United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

No. 97-3674WA

Martha Davis,

Appellant,

v.

Kenneth S. Apfel, Commissioner,
Social Security Administration,

Appellee.

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On Appeal from the
United States District Court
for the Western District
of Arkansas.

Submitted: April 17, 1998

Filed: April 27, 1998

Before RICHARD S. ARNOLD,¹ Chief Judge, LOKEN, Circuit Judge, and PRATT,²
District Judge.

RICHARD S. ARNOLD, Chief Judge.

¹The Hon. Richard S. Arnold stepped down as Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit at the close of business on April 17, 1998. He has been succeeded by the Hon. Pasco M. Bowman, II.

²The Hon. Robert W. Pratt, United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, sitting by designation.

The question in this social-security case is whether the determination by the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration that the appellant, Martha Davis, was not disabled is supported by substantial evidence. We have had the benefit of thorough opinions by an administrative law judge³ and the District Court.⁴ We have little of substance to add, and we affirm.

We have considered the principal arguments advanced by counsel for Ms. Davis. We cannot agree that the hypothetical question addressed to the vocational expert failed to state accurately those impairments of the claimant that the administrative law judge, on the basis of substantial evidence, found to exist. Nor do we agree that evidence of vascular problems occurring after the decision of the ALJ was sufficiently material to invalidate the ALJ's findings, or to require a remand for further administrative proceedings. The ALJ's reasons for not believing all of the claimant's testimony about pain were soundly based and fully explained in his opinion. We do not believe that the other arguments advanced in support of reversal require discussion.

Affirmed.

A true copy.

Attest:

CLERK, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, EIGHTH CIRCUIT.

³The Hon. Dan Dane.

⁴The Hon. Beverly J. Stites, United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, sitting by agreement of the parties under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c).