

United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

No. 99-3053

Louis Watson,

Appellant,

v.

Kenneth S. Apfel, Commissioner, Social
Security Administration,

Appellee.

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Appeal from the United States
District Court for the Eastern
District of Arkansas.

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Submitted: April 13, 2000

Filed: April 19, 2000

Before McMILLIAN, FAGG, and LOKEN, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Louis Watson appeals the district court's grant of summary judgment affirming the Commissioner's decision to deny Watson disability insurance benefits. Having reviewed the administrative record, we conclude the administrative law judge carefully considered the debilitating effect of Watson's alcohol abuse and substantial evidence on the record as a whole supports the decision of the Commissioner that Watson is not disabled for social security purposes. This case presents no novel issues to justify an

extended discussion. We thus affirm for the reasons stated in the district court's memorandum and opinion. See 8th Cir. R. 47B.

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