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# THE CANCER ADVOCACY PROJECT



## The Program

The City Bar Justice Center's Cancer Advocacy Project (CAP) provides moderate- and low-income cancer patients and survivors with no-cost legal information, services and advice. Experienced volunteer attorneys prepare life-planning documents such as simple wills and advance directives, counsel clients on issues relating to discrimination in the workplace and help challenge unjust treatment by health insurance companies.

The Project continues to offer community presentations for support groups, medical and social work staff and community organizations. *[Some services are currently provided remotely due to COVID-19.]*

## What We Do

The Cancer Advocacy Project has four major components:

### Life-Planning:

The Project, in conjunction with its volunteer attorneys, offers free preparation of basic wills and advance medical and financial directives to those currently undergoing cancer treatment and survivors.

### Employment Law:

Through legal consultations, volunteer attorneys who are experts in the field address issues involving basic employment rights, potential discriminatory practices and practical alternatives to address the immediate concerns of cancer patients and survivors in the workplace.



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### Health Law:

The Project's Health law component provides clients with no-cost legal guidance with health insurance difficulties involving medical denials, outstanding bills and navigating the appeals process.

### Community Forums:

The Project conducts (remote) presentations for groups and facilities dealing with cancer-related issues. Experienced volunteer attorneys give presentations that focus on key issues including life-planning choices, cancer-related workplace discrimination, appealing private health insurance denials, and medical debt.

**Project Support:** CAP receives funding from Judges & Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert (JALBCA) which provides grants to support legal and social services to persons diagnosed with cancer and their families, particularly those who could not otherwise afford them, as well as education and training efforts and early detection initiatives.

## Contact Us!

If you would like the Project to conduct a presentation for your group, or to prepare your life-planning documents, or to assist with a problem involving health insurance or workplace rights, please contact us at (212) 382-4785. All calls are strictly confidential.



## Available Publications

(\*Also available in Spanish)

The Cancer Advocacy Project, with the help of its generous sponsor, JALBCA, has created guides and booklets to assist cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and service providers with a variety of issues that may arise in connection with a cancer diagnosis. Titles include:

***A Beginner's Guide to Estate Planning: Wills & Advance Directives\****

A simple, user-friendly booklet on the basics of estate planning.

***A Simple Guide to Advance Directives and Estate Planning\****

A comprehensive description of wills, estate planning and advance directives, including the health care proxy, living will and power of attorney.

***A Guide to Funeral and Burial Options in New York\****

Important information about alternate burial options and financial resources.

***A Beginner's Guide to: Cancer and Workplace Discrimination***

A simple, user-friendly booklet on your rights and protections against cancer-related discrimination in the workplace.

***Employment Rights for Cancer Patients Handbook\****

Information about the legal definition of discrimination and your rights regarding medical leave, employer notification, and available options.

***Financial and Medical Resources for Cancer Patients and Survivors\****

Information for cancer patients, survivors, and their families to help identify possible sources of assistance for household bills, medical care, prescriptions and other services at no- or low-cost.

***A Guide to Medical Debt: Your Rights and Options\****

Information about preventing medical debt, negotiating medical bills and dealing with collection agencies.

***Cancer & Medical Debt: Resources & Options – Including Bankruptcy***

Information for cancer patients, survivors, and their family members to help them prepare for the financial strains that often result from a cancer diagnosis.

***A Cancer Patient's Guide to Applying for Disability Benefits and the Appeals Process***

The guide provides crucial information on navigating the application process for Social Security Disability (SSD) and Supplementary Security Income (SSI) benefits.

***Medical Insurance Guide for Cancer Patients***

Information about different forms of private health insurance, your rights as a consumer, and navigating the internal and external appeals process.

***A Beginner's Guide to: Cancer and Housing Discrimination (For Renters)***

A user-friendly summary of key legal rights and protections for potential renters and current tenants at risk of disability-related housing discrimination.