



no one should have to fight cancer alone

ATTORNEYS AND FINANCIAL ADVISORS NEEDED TO HELP CANCER PATIENTS

About CancerLINC

CancerLINC is a unique, local non-profit that connects cancer patients with vital resources. Our mission is to ease the burden of cancer for patients and their families by providing assistance, education, and referral to legal, financial and community resources. CancerLINC was established in 1996 by two local attorneys, who are also cancer survivors and understand the legal and financial challenges facing patients.

What We Do and How You Can Help

We partner with local attorneys and financial planners to provide legal assistance and financial counseling for those patients who need help but can't afford these services. Most of our clients meet federal guidelines for low-income households, and we ask our volunteer professionals to provide services to these clients at no charge. Clients who are above the income guidelines are advised that they will need to discuss fees with the attorney/advisor.

You can help cancer patients by joining our vital network of volunteer attorneys and financial advisors who advocate for them. Volunteers are encouraged to take two cases a year.

Volunteer attorneys help cancer patients with:

- a. Wills, POAs, AMDs, Trusts, Uncontested Guardianships
- b. Bankruptcy & Debt Matters
- c. Public Benefit Denials
- d. Insurance Denials
- e. Employment Issues
- f. Eviction & Housing Matters

Volunteer **financial advisors** help cancer patients with:

- a. Financial Counseling & Planning
- b. Credit Counseling
- c. Debt Consolidation
- d. Management of Medical Debt

We Do Not Provide Services For:

- Criminal Law
- Family Law (except uncontested guardianships)
- Immigration
- Personal Injury
- Professional Malpractice
- Direct aid, such as cash grants or locating housing

Working with CancerLINC Clients:

Clients may worry about fees. You can reassure them by reminding them the work is pro bono if they qualify.

All of the clients are in the process of being treated for cancer, including chemotherapy and radiation. They are ill and will have a harder time with things than your typical client. Because of dealing with treatment and its effects:

- a. they may forget to contact you initially;
- b. they may need to cancel or reschedule appointments more frequently;
- c. they may need additional clarification;
- d. they may forget to follow up with you in a prompt manner; and
- e. it may be more difficult to get in touch with them if you need to call or email them.

Referral Process:

Client Services staff emails three attorneys/advisors in the needed practice area to see whether they can assist. If we ask for your assistance, you are not obligated to say yes.

If you agree to help, Client Services gives your contact information to the client, and it is up to the client to reach out to the attorney/advisor.

For applications or questions, contact Marcy Walsh, Client Services Manager at Marcy.Walsh@cancerlinc.org.