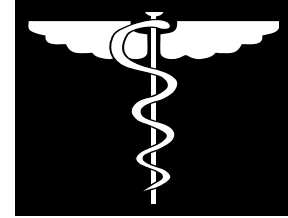




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# THE CANCER ADVOCACY PROJECT



## **The Program**

The City Bar Justice Center's Cancer Advocacy Project provides 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.

In addition, we offer on-site community presentations for support groups, medical and social work staff and community organizations.

## **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.



### **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 on-site presentations for groups and facilities dealing with cancer-related issues. Experienced volunteer attorneys give presentations that focus on life-planning choices, workplace rights and potential employment discrimination, and/or private health insurance denials and the appeals process.

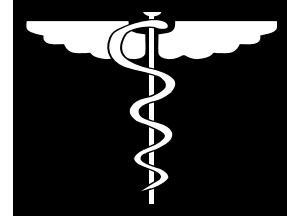
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## **Contact Us!**

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) 382-4746. All calls are strictly confidential.



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## Available Publications

The Cancer Advocacy Project, with the help of its generous funders, has created the following guides to assist cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and service providers with the wide variety of issues that may arise in connection with a cancer diagnosis.

### *A Guide to Wills for Cancer Patients*

A simple explanation of what to consider when preparing a will.

### *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.

### *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 Resources Guide for Cancer Treatment*

A list of organizations which provide financial assistance for cancer treatment and related costs. Includes information about foreclosure prevention and bankruptcy.

### *A Guide to Social Security Disability Benefits for Cancer Patients*

An explanation of eligibility for SSD and SSI Disability benefits and the appeals process.

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

Important information about alternate burial options and financial resources.

*\*These guides are, or will soon be, available in Spanish language version*