



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

HEALTH JUSTICE ALLIANCE Cancer LAW

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PROMOTING THE HEALTH OF CANCER PATIENTS THROUGH LEGAL ADVOCACY AND INTERPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION AT THE MEDSTAR WASHINGTON CANCER INSTITUTE

LEGAL SERVICES METRICS

32	Referrals received from the Patient Support Team
22	Legal intake appointments with new patients
46	New legal issues identified
97	Total legal issues worked on
50	Total legal issues resolved
57	Total patients served

Top Legal Issues this Quarter:

- Social Security Benefits
- Debt Relief
- Employment
- Health Insurance
- Housing



81% of patients served live below 100% of the federal poverty level



92% of patients served live below 200% of the federal poverty level

PATIENT OUTCOMES & HIGHLIGHTS



"Since fleeing Afghanistan, everyone has been so nice. I'm so thankful we were referred to you. The rules for Social Security for refugees are complicated, but you made them so easy to understand. We hope once approved we can use the funds to help my brother be more independent and find a job."

-Brother of MWCI patient



Secured \$19,902 total for C-LAW patients in disability benefits, debt relief, cost-savings, and other benefits



Prevented a patient from being evicted through effective advocacy and completion of housing assistance applications



Won SSDI for a patient that was previously denied, increasing his income from \$0 to \$1900 per month



Represented a patient in filing complaints against a landlord who had refused to remediate a severe mold and moisture problem in the patient's home for years; with C-LAW's advocacy, the patient's home is now mold-free



Filed a Transfer on Death Deed in DC for a cancer patient, who now has peace of mind that when she passes away, her estate will transfer to her daughter without the complications of the probate process



Successfully won interim disability benefits for a cancer patient in the amount of \$900 per month, while awaiting a decision on permanent SSDI

CAPACITY-BUILDING & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

In Spring 2022, Cancer LAW attorneys:



Onboarded a C-LAW summer intern who will help increase capacity by assisting with legal intakes and patient advocacy



Partnered with Georgetown University faculty and undergraduate students to translate client-facing legal materials for non-English speaking clients



Attended the National Cancer Legal Services Network's Webinar on Social Security Benefits for Cancer Patients, learning critical information to help MWCI patients



Collaborated with MedStar Washington Cancer Institute oncologists to secure interim disability financial assistance for a cancer patient



Partnered with the DC Bar Pro Bono Center to provide mentorship on DC housing cases

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