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HEALTH JUSTICE ALLIANCE Cancer LAW

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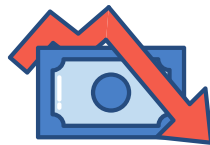
PROMOTING THE HEALTH OF CANCER PATIENTS THROUGH LEGAL ADVOCACY AND INTERPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION AT THE MEDSTAR WASHINGTON CANCER INSTITUTE

LEGAL SERVICES METRICS

28	Referrals received from the Patient Support Team
25	Legal intake appointments with new patients
35	New legal issues identified
70	Total legal issues worked on
31	Total legal issues resolved
49	Total patients served

Top Legal Issues this Quarter:

- Social Security Benefits
- Housing
- Public Benefits
- Employment



77% of patients served live below 100% of the federal poverty level



96% of patients served live below 200% of the federal poverty level

PATIENT OUTCOMES & HIGHLIGHTS



"C-LAW is very consistent with all of the care I've experienced at MedStar. This institution has really figured out how to support us every step of the way."

-C-LAW patient



Secured \$45,246 for C-LAW patients in disability benefits, debt relief, and Medicare & Medicaid cost-savings and benefits



Hosted the second Conversation Cafe, a free event to teach cancer patients and their families about their legal rights



Assisted a patient as he transitioned into a new nursing home facility; C-LAW attorneys advocated for the patient to be informed about his care plan



Assisted a patient in applying for Social Security benefits at his convenience as he recovered from surgery, due to the urgent need for the financial benefit



Met with homebound patient in her home to discuss legal needs impacting her cancer care, including a housing right issue



Successfully won disability benefits for a cancer patient in the amount of \$10,092

CAPACITY-BUILDING & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

In Winter 2022, Cancer LAW attorneys:



Launched C-LAW's inaugural Pro Bono Spring Break Program. Georgetown Law students provided pro bono legal services to patients under the supervision of a C-LAW attorney



Collaborated with the Georgetown University Law Center's Office of Public Interest and Community Service to implement pro bono opportunities for Georgetown Law students to increase C-LAW's capacity to serve patients



Attended trainings conducted by the DC Bar Pro Bono Center, the Legal Council for the Elderly, DC Consortium of Legal Service Providers, and the National Center for Medical Legal Partnerships, to enhance attorneys' ability to serve patients

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