



HEALTH JUSTICE ALLIANCE Cancer LAW

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

LEGAL SERVICES METRICS

- 16** Referrals received from the Patient Support Team
- 15** Legal intake appointments conducted with new patients
- 41** New legal issues identified
- 63** Total legal issues worked on
- 45** Total legal issues resolved
- 38** Total patients served





Top Legal Issues

- Social Security Benefits
- Housing
- Estate Planning
- Health Insurance
- Employment



73% of patients live below 100% of the federal poverty level

LEGAL SERVICES OUTCOMES

-  Created or updated 10 advance planning estate and healthcare documents
-  Obtained or maintained disability income for 4 patients
-  Obtained or maintained employment status for 1 patient
-  Obtained or maintained health insurance for 3 patients

 **\$51,297** for Cancer LAW patients in disability benefits, debt relief, and Medicare & Medicaid cost-savings and benefits

PATIENT HIGHLIGHTS



"We are filled with gratitude for your assistance with our legal needs. In addition to your legal expertise, your patience and understanding in working with us made this a far less stressful experience. We send our sincere thanks."





-Cancer LAW patient

\$13,224

Amount in annual disability income won for a late stage cancer patient with two dependent children

CAPACITY-BUILDING & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

In Summer 2021, Cancer LAW attorneys:

-  Attended provider meetings to collaborate on addressing ongoing patient legal trends as COVID-protections and restrictions change
-  Established on-site office hours at MWCI, increasing capacity for face-to-face services
-  Launched a collaboration with Cancer Support Community, a national non-profit, to develop resources specific to DC-area cancer patients
-  Onboarded a law fellow whose focus is on increasing reach and capacity regarding healthcare planning and estate planning services