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The Cancer Legal Resource Center CHRONICLE

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Get Involved!

**Join the CLRC
Professional
Panel!**

The CLRC is seeking attorneys to join its **Professional Panel** and help people navigate their cancer-related legal concerns. A volunteer attorney can make the difference! [Click here](#) for more info.

Dear Eric,

The Cancer Legal Resource Center (CLRC), a national, joint program of the Disability Rights Legal Center and Loyola Law School Los Angeles, provides **free information and resources** on cancer-related legal issues to patients, survivors, caregivers, health care professionals, and others coping with cancer.

This month, the CLRC Chronicle focuses on how cancer can be a legal issue and the resources available to help people navigate through cancer-related legal issues.

Best regards,

Joanna L. Fawzy Morales, Esq.
Director, Cancer Legal Resource Center

What's New at the CLRC!

The CLRC has received funding from two [Susan G. Komen for the Cure®](#) Affiliates in the Midwest! Our staff attorney based in Chicago, Illinois will be providing cancer-related legal education and outreach in communities in Illinois and Indiana through our grants from [Komen McLean County](#) and [Komen Northern Indiana](#). The CLRC thanks them for their support!

This month, the **Kay Tate Memorial Summer Externship Program** commences at the CLRC.

This year's summer externship program honors the memory of Professor Kay Tate, a retired Loyola Law School professor who passed away last year from cancer. Professor Tate was a generous supporter of the Disability Rights Legal Center and we honor her legacy through our commitment to educating future attorneys about cancer-related legal issues. The CLRC has accepted 13 students from law schools nationwide into this summer's externship program. For more information about the the CLRC's externship program, [click here](#).



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Volunteer!

The CLRC also needs volunteers! If you are interested in helping out in the CLRC office or in attending events as a representative of the CLRC, please call us at (866) 843-2572 or [click here](#) to complete a volunteer application.

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May & June 2010 Events

For information about these events, contact us at 866-THE-CLRC(866-843-2572) or CLRC@LLS.edu.

To see the entire 2010 Events Calendar, [click here](#).

Immerman Angels Survivor Day



Now Available! The HCP Manual: A Legal Resource Guide for Oncology Health Care Professionals.

This national manual is a resource for health care professionals (e.g. doctors, nurses, social workers, psychosocial care providers, patient navigators, and cancer advocates) on the various questions and issues often relayed by patients coping with cancer, and provides valuable information about cancer-related legal issues, from diagnosis through survivorship. This manual is part of a project funded by the [Lance Armstrong Foundation](#) to educate health care professionals about cancer-related legal issues. To download the manual, [click here](#).

The CLRC will also be participating in several conferences nationwide including the [35th Annual Oncology Nursing Society Congress](#) in San Diego, CA, [Association of Oncology Social Work Annual Conference](#) in Phoenix, AZ, and the [American Society of Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting](#) in Chicago, IL. If you are attending, please stop by our booth and say hello!

2010 Cancer Rights Conference Update



Chicago: Friday, June 18, 2010
Loyola University Chicago School of Law

Los Angeles: Friday, October 8, 2010
Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center

Online Registration is Now Open!

Come join us for these free, national Cancer Rights Conferences that the CLRC will be holding in 2010. These conferences are, in part, made possible through a grant from the [Lance Armstrong Foundation](#).

The Cancer Rights Conferences will each bring together over 200 members of their respective regional cancer communities including patients, survivors, caregivers, health care providers, advocates, employers, and business and community leaders. Attendees will gain valuable knowledge about employment issues, navigating managed care, estate planning, consumer rights, and health, disability, and life insurance options. Health care professionals will learn how to conduct clinical assessments on cancer-related legal issues and resources for their patients.

Registration and more information about the conference is available at www.CancerLegalResourceCenter.org/conference or contact Angelica Corral, CLRC Communications and Administrative

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May 4, 2010**
Martini Park
Chicago, IL
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**Cancer and
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Care
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May 6, 2010**
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Work Annual
Conference
May 12-14, 2010**
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**African American
Cancer Care
Conference
May 15, 2010**
UC Irvine Medical
Center
Irvine, CA
To register, call:
714-507-0338

**35th Annual
Oncology Nursing
Society Congress
May 13-16, 2010**
San Diego
Convention Center
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**3rd Annual Cancer
Summit for Young
Adults
May 23, 2010**
Michael Schimmel
Center For The
Arts, Pace
University
New York, NY
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Coordinator, at (213) 252-8449 or CLRC@lls.edu for more information.

The CLRC's Professional Panel

By Tiffany Sirikulvadhana, Esq.
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A cancer diagnosis can carry with it a variety of potential legal issues, including insurance coverage, employment discrimination, access to health care, family law, and estate planning.

These legal issues can cause people unnecessary worry, confusion, and stress, and can be overwhelming. When these legal issues are not addressed, people may find themselves surviving treatment, only to find that they have lost their homes, jobs, or insurance.

The CLRC provides critical information and resources that help people deal with their issues, however, the CLRC does not provide direct legal advice or representation. Sometimes, CLRC's callers require legal advice or direct advocacy in order to resolve their concerns. The CLRC refers these callers to attorneys or other professionals on the CLRC's Professional Panel who practice in their geographic area and have expertise in the area of their inquiry.

A Panel member agrees to provide CLRC callers with a free 30-minute consultation, in person or by telephone. CLRC Panel members may also provide brief service to callers, such as drafting a letter to an employer or insurance company, or draft a simple will. Some attorneys will litigate a case on a pro bono basis.

We are looking for volunteers with experience in employment, family law, estate planning, government benefits, consumer law, and health and disability insurance, who can provide a critical service for people with cancer and who are willing to employ their legal expertise to that end. We hope that you and your colleagues will join our efforts.

If you or your colleagues are interested in becoming a member of the CLRC's Professional Panel, please complete the [Professional Panel Application](#) and return it to the CLRC by email at CLRC@LLS.edu, by fax at (213) 736-1428, or by mail at CLRC, 919 Albany Street, Los Angeles, CA 90015.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (213) 252-8449. Your involvement in the CLRC Professional Panel will help us to provide necessary and worthwhile services to the cancer community.

CLRC's Health & Disability Law Initiative

The Cancer Legal Resource Center (CLRC) has rolled out a new initiative to assist people with



[more information](#)**American Society
of Clinical
Oncology Annual
Meeting****June 4-8, 2010**
McCormick Place
Chicago, IL[Click here for
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Rights Conference
June 18, 2010**Loyola University
Chicago School
of Law
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health and disability insurance issues. The CLRC is partnering with a dedicated group of policyholder lawyers around the country, who have joined the CLRC's Professional Panel and have agreed to accept cases, on a *pro bono* basis, to help cancer survivors who are facing denials of health insurance and disability benefits claims. Through this initiative, Panel members will be connected to people in need of assistance who call the CLRC's national Telephone Assistance Line (866-THE-CLRC). Panel members will also have access to shared resources, including pleadings, statutes, articles, and motions through the Cancer Legal Resource Center.

The CLRC would like to thank those who have pledged support, to date, including attorneys at [Dickstein Shapiro](#), [Childress Duffy Goldblatt](#), [Proskauer LLP](#), [Howrey LLP](#), [Covington & Burling LLP](#), [Jenner & Block LLP](#), [Reed Smith LLP](#), [Doney Crowley Bloomquist Payne](#), [Lowenstein Sandler PC](#), [Haynes and Boone, LLP](#), and [Craig B. Greenfield, Attorney at Law, P.C.](#)

ABA Health Law Section Partners with Cancer Legal Resource Center in Breast Cancer Advocacy Efforts**BREAST CANCER
LEGAL ADVOCACY
TASKFORCE**

The [American Bar Association \(ABA\) Health Law Section](#) and the Cancer Legal Resource Center (CLRC) have partnered to further their shared breast cancer legal advocacy goals. The Breast Cancer Task Force is the ABA Health Law Section's premier pro bono effort. Since its inception in 1993, the ABA's Breast Cancer Task Force has provided information and education on a wide range of legal issues related to women's health, and provided extensive resources to lawyers and consumers dealing with breast cancer. In 2008, the ABA Health Law Section assumed responsibility for this project, from the ABA Commission on Women, and since then has sponsored eleven Breast Cancer Legal Advocacy Workshops, authored a comprehensive training toolkit, updated the Breast Cancer Legal Advocacy Training Guide, and initiated a project to assemble and host an online library of attorney breast cancer survivor stories.

Through offering comprehensive breast cancer legal advocacy training and an opportunity to join the CLRC's Professional Panel, the ABA and the CLRC partnership connects attorneys who have been trained with those in need of counsel. The project is the first of many other opportunities being pursued by these two outstanding organizations.

Please consider participating in this worthwhile initiative! Get involved today, by joining the CLRC's [Professional Panel](#) or register to attend a Breast Cancer Legal Advocacy Training! [Click here](#) to learn more about the ABA Health Law Section Breast Cancer Task Force.

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Since its founding in 1997, the CLRC remains unique, providing invaluable cancer-related legal information and resources to people nationwide. Throughout its 13-year history, the CLRC has served over 155,000 people through the Telephone Assistance Line (866-THE-CLRC), conferences, seminars, workshops, outreach programs, and other cancer community activities.

CLRC staff members also speak at seminars and conferences throughout the national cancer community, including trainings for healthcare professionals. If you would like CLRC staff to attend your next event, please [click here](#), or contact us at (213) 252-8449 or (866) 843-2572.



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Visit www.CancerLegalResourceCenter.org for more information about cancer-related legal issues and services provided by the Cancer Legal Resource Center.

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