

Disability Rights Legal Center

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Cancer Legal Resource Center

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## **CANCER LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER RECEIVES LANCE ARMSTRONG FOUNDATION 2009 COMMUNITY PROGRAM GRANT**

**LOS ANGELES, March 17, 2009** – The Cancer Legal Resource Center (CLRC), a joint project of the Disability Rights Legal Center (DRLC) and Loyola Law School, announced today that it is the recipient of a 2009 Lance Armstrong Foundation Community Program Grant. The community program of the Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF) provides financial support and capacity-building to community-centered initiatives that address the physical, emotional and practical challenges of cancer survivorship.

A cancer diagnosis can carry with it a variety of legal issues, including insurance coverage, employment discrimination, access to health care, government benefits, 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 that although they have survived the disease, they have lost their homes, jobs, insurance, or families.

“We are extremely delighted to receive the LAF grant and the opportunity it offers to focus on educating health care professionals about cancer-related legal issues that their patients may face,” said Joanna L. Morales, Director of the Cancer Legal Resource Center. “The LAF is a generous supporter of community organizations that help people with cancer. We appreciate the foundation’s recognition of our efforts to provide legal information and resources to thousands of people every year.”

The CLRC provides free and confidential information and resources on cancer-related legal issues nationwide, to cancer survivors, caregivers, employers, health care professionals, and others coping with cancer. The CLRC’s caring, respectful assistance helps callers resolve their legal issues, focus on their recovery, and get back to their lives. Throughout its 12-year history, the CLRC has served over 90,000 people through the Telephone Assistance Line, conferences, seminars, workshops, outreach programs, and other cancer community activities.

### **About the Disability Rights Legal Center**

The mission of the DRLC is to promote the rights of people with disabilities and the public interest in and awareness of those rights by providing legal and related services. The Center provides legal and related services through its seven programs: Cancer Legal Resource Center, Civil Rights Litigation Program, Community Outreach Program, Education Advocacy Program, Inland Empire Program, Pro Bono Program, and the Options Counseling and Lawyer Referral Service. For more information, visit [www.disabilityrightslegalcenter.org](http://www.disabilityrightslegalcenter.org).

### **About the Lance Armstrong Foundation**

At the Lance Armstrong Foundation, we fight for the 28 million people around the world living with cancer today. There can be – and should be – life after cancer for more people. That’s why we kick in at the moment of diagnosis, giving people the resources and support they need to fight cancer head-on. We find innovative ways to raise awareness, fund research and end the stigma about cancer that many survivors face. We connect people and communities to drive social change, and we call for state, national and world leaders to help fight this disease. Anyone anywhere can join our fight against cancer. Join us at [www.LIVESTRONG.org](http://www.LIVESTRONG.org).