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Cancer Legal Resource Center

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Dear Friends:

We would like to invite you to join the Cancer Legal Resource Center's Professional Panel.

The Cancer Legal Resource Center (CLRC), a national, joint program of the Disability Rights Legal Center and Loyola Law School Los Angeles, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Founded in 1997, the CLRC's mission is to provide information and resources on cancer-related legal issues to people coping with cancer.

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. While the CLRC provides critical information and resources that help callers deal with their problems, the CLRC does *not* provide them with direct legal advice or representation.

The staff of the CLRC are supported by supervised law student externs, volunteer attorneys, and other professionals. Sometimes, CLRC's callers require legal advice or direct advocacy in order to resolve their concerns. The CLRC refers these callers to a volunteer attorney on the CLRC's Professional Panel who practices in their geographic area and has expertise in the area of their inquiry. The volunteer's commitment is a limited one; the Professional Panel attorneys agree to provide a 30 minute free consultation to a CLRC caller in person, or on the telephone, Panel members may then decide to provide the caller with their legal options, legal advice, limited intervention, or full scale representation.

For our records, we also ask members of our Professional Panel to provide us a completed Professional Panel Application and to certify that they carry errors and omissions insurance coverage.

There is no other program in the country like the CLRC, which is why the American Cancer Society refers its callers with legal questions to the CLRC. However, with the growing numbers of people in the cancer community needing CLRC services, we cannot do it alone.

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 will join our efforts.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like more information about the Cancer Legal Resource Center or its Professional Panel. I can be reached at 213.736.8364 or Joanna.Morales@lls.edu. Please also feel free to visit our website at www.CancerLegalResourceCenter.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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