



## 2021 Triage Cancer Conference Agenda

<u>Time</u>	<u>Session</u>
9:30-10:30 CT	An Introduction to Cancer Advocacy & Managing Finances
10:30-11:30 CT	Health Insurance: Understanding Your Options & Using Your Coverage
11:30-11:45 CT	Break
11:45-1:00 CT	Health Insurance: Understanding Your Options & Using Your Coverage
1:00-1:30 CT	Lunch
1:30-3:00 CT	Practical Tools for Managing Medical Bills, Your Financial Health, & Estate Planning Documents
3:00-4:05 CT	Employment 101: Working Through Treatment & Taking Time Off
4:05-4:20 CT	Break
4:20-5:20 CT	Disability Insurance: Options, Applications, & Appeals
5:20-5:30 CT	Action Steps & Advocacy Opportunities

## Speaker Biographies

**MONICA FAWZY BRYANT, ESQ.**, is a cancer rights attorney, speaker, and author, dedicated to improving access to, and availability of, quality information on healthcare-related issues. Monica is the Chief Operating Officer for Triage Cancer, a national, nonprofit organization that provides education on the practical and legal issues that may impact individuals diagnosed with cancer and their caregivers through educational events, a speakers bureau, and online materials and resources.

Previously, Monica was Midwest Regional Director for a national cancer rights organization, Legislative Counsel for U.S. Congresswoman Linda T. Sanchez and Law Clerk for U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein. During her time in Congress, Monica focused on health, justice, civil rights, and women's issues.

Throughout her career, Monica has provided hundreds of educational seminars, written articles and blogs, and appeared on community television and radio shows discussing healthcare-related legal issues. In 2018, she co-authored a book *Cancer Rights Law: An Interdisciplinary Approach*. Additionally, Monica is the Chair, American Bar Association's (ABA) Breast Cancer Initiative Advisory Committee, and sits on the ABA's Affordable Care Act Task Force and the Coalition to Protect Parenthood After Cancer.



Monica received a Bachelors of Arts degree in Law & Society, with an emphasis in criminal justice, and Psychology from the University of California Santa Barbara and a Juris Doctor from The George Washington University Law School. She is a member of both the California and Illinois State Bars.

**JOANNA FAWZY MORALES, ESQ.**, is a cancer rights attorney, author, speaker, and CEO of Triage Cancer, a national, nonprofit organization that provides education on the practical and legal issues that may impact individuals diagnosed with cancer and their caregivers through educational events, a speakers bureau, and online materials and resources. Joanna has presented hundreds of educational seminars on employment, insurance, health care, and advocacy issues across the country for patients, survivors, caregivers, healthcare professionals, advocates, lawyers, employers, and others.



Joanna has spent more than twenty-five years working on behalf of individuals with cancer, including five as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Loyola Law School, teaching a seminar in Cancer Rights Law, and eight at the John Wayne Cancer Institute's Psychosocial Care Program and Positive Appearance Center. In addition, Joanna has served on numerous cancer community committees and boards, including as Chair of the Board for the California Division of the American Cancer Society.

She has been published in a variety of publications, such as *Psycho-Oncology*, *Coping with Cancer*, *Women*, and *Ability Magazine*. In 2009, she also contributed to a book entitled, "Work and Cancer Survivors." In 2017, she wrote a book chapter, "Preventing or Minimizing Financial Toxicity Across the Continuum of Cancer Care," for the Oncology Nursing Society's book, "Cancer Survivorship: Transdisciplinary, Patient-Centered Approaches to the Season of Survival." She has also co-authored a book *Cancer Rights Law: An Interdisciplinary Approach*. Joanna has received numerous awards and recognition for her service to the cancer community and her work in the area of legislative advocacy, such as the 2009 Susan G. Komen Public Policy Advocate of the Year and the 2015 Legacy Advocate Award from Stupid Cancer. In 2010, she was also recognized by the Los Angeles Daily Journal as one of the Top 20 Attorneys in California Under the Age of 40. Joanna received a BA in Political Science with an emphasis in International Relations from UCLA and a Juris Doctor from Loyola Law School Los Angeles.

**STEVE KNOX, ESQ.**, is a staff attorney with Triage Cancer. Prior to joining Triage Cancer, Steve worked with a nonprofit legal services agency in Detroit defending tenants in eviction proceedings. He gained valuable experience collaborating with colleagues providing wraparound services to tenants. Steve performed community outreach to educate tenants about housing rights and trained and mentored students from several law schools. He brings to Triage Cancer an informed passion for providing empowerment through education to people in crisis.



Steve was drawn to this work through a law school medical-legal partnership program that met the legal needs of people receiving cancer treatment. He was an Equal Justice Works Summer Corp member and twice awarded a Public Interest Law Fellowship. He has written about the negative health impacts of the Defense of Marriage Act pre-legalization of same sex marriage, lead poisoning in children, and the ability of immigration courts to protect defendants lacking capacity. Steve's published work explores the use of legal tools to end concentrated poverty.

Additionally, Steve has participated in service trips to New Orleans to rebuild homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, and rural Kenya to partner with a resilient tribe as it expands

access to water, education, and medicine for its members. He is a past board member of the Interfaith Center for Racial Justice in metro Detroit.

Steve earned a Juris Doctor from Wayne State University Law School in Detroit and a Bachelor of Social Work from Oakland University. He is a member of both the Michigan and Arizona bars.

**MADISON MCMAHON WARD, MPH**, is the Program Coordinator for Triage Cancer, providing event coordination, communications, and programmatic support.

Previously, Madison interned at various public health nonprofit organizations in Chicago, such as Deborah's Place and Respiratory Health Association. During her time at Deborah's Place, she hosted weekly health education sessions for individuals experiencing homelessness to empower them to achieve their health-related goals. She gained practical experience with public health issues and health education. At Respiratory Health Association, she created public health educational resources on climate change mitigation strategies and environmental justice.

Madison earned a Masters of Public Health and a BS in Environmental Science from Loyola University Chicago. She has a passion for working towards social justice to eliminate health disparities and the opportunity to help others is a great motivator in her life.

She believes strongly in Triage Cancer's mission to address cancer-related health disparities through the delivery of cancer-related education and collaborative efforts.

