



## 2021 Triage Cancer Conference Agenda

<u>Time</u>	<u>Session</u>
9:15-9:30 CT	Welcome
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 cancer survivorship education to patients, survivors, caregivers, advocates, and health care professionals.

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. Additionally, Monica is an Adjunct Law Professor at John Marshall School of Law in Chicago, teaching a class on Cancer Rights. Monica has also served as Vice Chair of the American Bar Association's Breast Cancer Initiatives Executive Committee.



In 2018, she co-authored a book on Cancer Rights Law for the American Bar Association. In 2015, Monica received the Legacy Advocate Award from Stupid Cancer.

Monica received a BA 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 providing cancer survivorship education 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, the National Advisory Board of CancerForward, the Stupid Cancer Survivorship Advisory Council, and the Executive Committee of the American Bar Association's Breast Cancer Task Force.

In 2018, she co-authored a book on Cancer Rights Law for the American Bar Association. 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 been published in a variety of other 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."

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.

**MADISON MCMAHON WARD, MPH**, is the Program Manager for Triage Cancer, providing event and communications management, partnership relations management, 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. 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.