

Law Student Opportunities



OUR MISSION

Triage Cancer is a national, nonprofit organization that provides free education on the legal and practical issues that may impact individuals diagnosed with cancer and their caregivers, through events, materials, and resources.

Triage Cancer hosts free online and in-person educational events across the country. Triage Cancer also develops educational materials and resources on cancer-related legal and practical issues, such as Quick Guides and Checklists, charts of state laws, and animated videos. Triage Cancer also offers an educational blog on substantive issues, as well as **CancerFinances.org**, which helps people navigate finances after a cancer diagnosis. In addition, the Legal & Financial Navigation Program provides one-on-one assistance to individuals diagnosed with cancer, caregivers, and health care professionals who are contacting us on behalf of their patients.

What are cancer-related legal issues?

Cancer-related legal issues can be any issues that arise as a result of a cancer diagnosis, both for the individual who has been diagnosed, as well as caregivers. The most common cancer-related legal issues include employment, health insurance options and navigation, disability insurance, government benefits, consumer rights and finances, and estate planning and medical decision-making.

How does Triage Cancer work with law students?

Triage Cancer works with law students across the country, in a variety of ways, including through the completion of pro bono requirements, externships, internships, and post-graduate fellowships. Law students work under the supervision of Triage Cancer's co-founders, who are cancer rights attorneys and wrote a book on Cancer Rights Law for the American Bar Association in 2018. Students may also be supervised by Triage Cancer's staff attorneys.

PRO BONO HOURS

Students can volunteer with Triage Cancer to fulfill their pro bono requirements. Students support Triage Cancer's delivery of cancer-related legal programs and services. Pro bono students will be exposed to a variety of cancer-related legal issues. Responsibilities can include researching statutes, regulations, policies, legislation, and case law at the state and federal level; synthesizing complex legal concepts for lay audiences; writing educational blogs; and creating educational materials and resources for the cancer community. In most instances, pro bono hours are completed remotely. This opportunity is open to 1Ls, 2Ls, and 3Ls. Individuals applying to complete their pro bono hours should be willing to commit a minimum of 4 hours a week. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis each semester. To apply, please email jm@TriageCancer.org, with a resume, cover letter, and brief writing sample that best demonstrates your writing skills. Please use "Pro Bono Hours" in the subject line.

EXTERNSHIPS

2L and 3L law students can work with Triage Cancer to receive class credit through a school-approved externship. Externs support Triage Cancer's delivery of cancer-related legal programs and services. Externs will be exposed to a variety of cancer-related legal issues, such as insurance, employment, health care, disability, government benefits, estate planning, and consumer law. Responsibilities include supporting the Legal & Financial Navigation Program by conducting intake interviews, explain legal concepts and resources, and drafting correspondence. Other responsibilities include researching statutes, regulations, policies, legislation, and case law at the state and federal level; synthesizing complex legal concepts for lay audiences; writing educational blogs, and creating educational materials and resources for the cancer community. In most instances, externships are completed remotely. Individuals applying to complete an externship should be willing to commit a minimum of 8 hours a week. Note: the total number of hours will depend on each school's requirements. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis each semester; however, externships positions are limited. To apply, please email jm@TriageCancer.org, with a resume, cover letter, and brief writing sample that best demonstrates your writing skills. Please use "Externship" in the subject line.

INTERNSHIPS

Triage Cancer provides internship opportunities for law students. Internships are unpaid; however, students may apply for school-specific programs or for other stipend programs to receive funding for working at Triage Cancer during the semester. Interns support Triage Cancer's delivery of cancer-related legal programs and services. Interns will be exposed to a variety of cancer-related legal issues. Responsibilities include can include supporting the Legal & Financial Navigation Program by conducting intake interviews, explain legal concepts and resources, and drafting correspondence. Other responsibilities include researching statutes, regulations, policies, legislation, and case law at the state and federal level; synthesizing complex legal concepts for lay audiences; writing educational blogs, and creating educational materials and resources for the cancer community. In most instances, internships are completed remotely. Individuals applying to complete an internship should be willing to commit a minimum of 8 hours a week. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis each semester; however, internships positions are limited. To apply, please email jm@TriageCancer.org, with a resume, cover letter, and brief writing sample that best demonstrates your writing skills. Please use "Internship" in the subject line.

POST-GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

Opportunities for involvement don't stop at graduation. Triage Cancer hosts law students in post-graduate fellowship opportunities, such as Skadden, Equal Justice Works, and school-specific public interest law fellowships. Triage Cancer has also been accepted as a host agency for the Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) Graduate Fellowship Program. New associates from Chicago-area law firms can get paid to work with us helping individuals coping with cancer navigate the legal and practical issues that they face, before starting their position at their firm. For more information about the PILI Fellowship, visit: pili.org/fellowships. Individuals interested in a post-graduate fellowship with Triage Cancer should email jm@trriagecancer.org, with a resume and letter of interest. Please use "Fellowship" in the subject line.

LEGAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Legal Advisory Council is another post-graduate volunteer opportunity, made up of leaders in the legal community who have a connection to the cancer community and would like to support our work, as well as lawyers who have a subject matter expertise that pertains to the legal issues often faced by those in the cancer community. Triage Cancer Legal Advisory Council Members are asked to lend their expertise on substantive areas of cancer-related issues, assist in outreach to the legal community, make recommendations on additional experts and groups we should be engaging, and make recommendations for new members of our Legal Advisory Council and Board of Directors, so that we may best serve the cancer community. Legal Advisory Council members are asked to participate in quarterly online meetings of the Council. To apply, complete the interest form: TriageCancer.org/Legal-Advisory-Council.