

THE COOKOUT: REAL TALK ABOUT THE BLACK CANCER EXPERIENCE

Cancer Legal Care has teamed up with **LaShaune P. Johnson, PhD**— a three-time cancer survivor— to better understand Black family cancer experiences. Through conversation, our goal is to listen, learn, and make changes in the short-and long-term as to how we do our work.



About Cancer Legal Care: For the last 17 years, Cancer Legal Care has been part of the Minnesota cancer community. We work with many cancer groups including the African American Breast Cancer Alliance (AABCA) and the Breast Cancer Gaps Project to provide free legal help for the many worries that come up alongside cancer. Some of the questions we can help with:

- Can I be fired if I need time off?
- Why isn't my insurance covering my care?
- What do I really need to know and do NOW?

Our office is in Oakdale, but we do most of our work over the phone.

We often hear comments like, "I wish I knew about you sooner" or "I have been so worried about all these things. I wish I called you a long time ago."

We appreciate you considering joining these conversations!

Is this another project where they take our stories and run?

- No.
- Dr. Johnson will quilt together a series of stories about the experiences she learns during the 10-15 conversations she looks to have (don't worry, your information will be anonymous).
- You will get invited to a Cookout in Summer 2025 to hear how we're understanding your story and how it will improve the way Cancer Legal Care is involved in the community and shows up to do its work.

How will these conversations help our community?

- After these conversations, we will create easy-to-read, printed and virtual resources that will guide you through accessing various community programs and organizations with programs created to help you and your loved ones live with dignity during cancer. The resources will cover a wide range of medical and non-medical priorities.
- Working alongside the community, we will work to equip community members with knowledge they need by sharing plain-language information about new laws and protections, like the Debt Fairness Act (which focuses on medical debt) and two new paid employment leave laws.

What's involved?

- A 45-minute phone call with Dr. Johnson to talk about your experiences with cancer and the issues you may have faced.
- **A \$100 gift card of your choice (Visa, Target, or Walmart) for your time.**

What will happen with my information?

- Your participation is completely voluntary. You can stop any time.
- The information you share will be combined (anonymously) with others' experiences to better understand and share what Black cancer patients, survivors, loved ones, and caregivers are facing.

How to get started?

- Email Dr. Johnson: TheCookOut@estellalucia.com
- Visit cancerlegalcare.org/the-cookout



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