Providing Pro Bono Legal Care to Minnesotans Affected by Cancer

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

“Thank you for representing those in need so they don’t lose hope.”

- A grateful client
From the Executive Director

Dear Friend of CALL,

Thank you for your support!

2014 was a banner year for Cancer Legal Line—we provided legal care to more Minnesotans than ever before, added new staff, and started two new programs! All of these wonderful things were possible because of our generous donors and foundation partners. **You make our work possible** and all of us at CALL are forever grateful for your support.

Since October 2007, CALL’s programs have provided over $2.4 million in free legal care to over 5,800 Minnesotans affected by cancer. None of this would have been possible without the generosity and vision of our volunteers, donors, and foundation partners.

A cancer diagnosis is not only medical—it also threatens financial security and family stability. The provision of legal care is often the determining factor in ensuring that the practical challenges of cancer, namely maintaining employment, insurance, housing, and finances, don’t become the derailing factor in the life of a cancer patient and their family. To better address these issues in our clients’ lives, in 2014 CALL:

- Celebrated the 4th year of our Breast Cancer Legal Program, funded by Susan G. Komen Minnesota, and provided legal care to 96 women facing breast cancer—our largest group of clients by diagnosis.
- Began the DDS OnCALL Program, funded by Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation, to provide targeted outreach and legal care to the growing number of Minnesotans facing the devastating and debilitating effects of oral, head, and neck cancer.
- Created the first oncology based Medical Legal Partnership in Minnesota with University of Minnesota Health, funded by the Fairview Foundation, to provide onsite legal care as part of a patient’s pre-transplant work up in the Blood and Marrow Transplant Unit at the University of Minnesota.

On behalf of the Cancer Legal Line board and staff, I thank you for your friendship and support, and for helping to change the lives of so many for the better!

Lindy Yokanovich
Founder & Executive Director

Cancer Legal Line’s Mission:

Because legal problems are often health problems, Cancer Legal Line provides free legal care to Minnesotans affected by cancer who otherwise have no access to an attorney’s help for the legal issues that directly impact their health and quality of life.

THANK YOU to our very generous supporters.

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2014 Evaluation

We sent surveys to a group of our clients in 2014 to ask about the care they received from Cancer Legal Line.

Legal Care Is Health Care

Over one-half of our clients called us at a time when their legal concern was having an extremely negative effect on their overall sense of health and well-being. Three out of four of our clients reported that the legal care they received had an extremely positive effect on their overall sense of health and well-being.

What CALL’s Clients Say . . .

- Thank you for the help. You were a resource to answer questions and give direction when my situation seemed hopeless.
- Glad to know they will be taken care of the way I want them when I’m gone.
- I felt so much better after getting advice and help. I was so nervous and losing sleep and felt so alone before I called.
- Gave me the words and tools to continue on my 15 month battle to cover my surgery which is afforded to me under federal law - thank you!
- CALL was helpful in my decision-making process.
- I did not need realize how important it was to get my living will and other documents in order and CALL provided me help in doing this. God Bless Cancer Legal Line!
- Through your help I was able to get my personal items in order. The attorney that helped me was wonderful and patient. She worked around my schedule of doctor appointments. To say thank you isn't enough for how much you helped me!!
- The pressure I felt dealing with Breast cancer and having to draw up a new will was greatly relieved in part because of the help I received from CALL. Thank you for assisting me in this matter.
Karen’s Story: A Legacy of Love

Karen worked as a physical therapist in China for more than a decade before returning to the states with her precious newly adopted son, Silas. Karen says that when her work put her in proximity to orphaned children, she felt the calling to adopt a child.

It wasn’t long after Karen and three-year-old Silas, moved to Minnesota to start their life together, when she found a lump and soon learned she had an aggressive type of breast cancer. Karen was devastated for Silas, who had been an orphanage his whole life, but now finally had a mom. Karen called Cancer Legal Line to get help with completing guardianship paperwork. Karen praises Cancer Legal Line for “sticking with her” when she was too sick to return calls. Eventually, Karen completed her guardianship documents while continuing to undergo treatment. She is now cancer free. Cancer Legal Line calls Karen’s case, and so many like hers, a “Legacy of Love”.

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CALL employs an effective and efficient use of both staff and volunteer attorneys, to meet the wide variety of underlying social and economic issues (I-HELP, below) that affect our clients’ overall health.

I-Insurance Coverage (health insurance, short/long term disability)

H-Housing and Financial (eviction, foreclosure, creditor issues, bankruptcy)

E-Employment (Americans with Disabilities Act, Family Medical Leave Act)

L-Legal Planning (health care directives, guardianship, wills, Powers of Attorney)

P-Public Benefits (Social Security Disability Insurance, Medicaid)

Our Volunteers

A big part of the impact CALL has on the lives of our clients is due to the dedication and hard work of our ever-growing group of attorney volunteers. These wonderful attorneys give their time and expertise to our clients who need legal care in a wide range of areas from tax issues to employment issues, and most especially, estate planning. The expertise they provide allows CALL to maintain a small staff while having a tremendous capacity to meet the wide ranging needs of our clients. In 2014, our ratio of staff attorneys to volunteer attorneys was 3:50

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2014 Volunteer Attorney of the Year: Stuart C. Bear

This year CALL was delighted to honor, Stuart C. Bear, our long-time volunteer and champion, with our Volunteer Attorney of the Year Award. Stuart is a partner with the Minneapolis firm of Chestnut Cambronne, practicing in the area of estate planning and is distinguished as a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC). Its members are elected to the College by demonstrating the highest level of integrity, commitment to the profession, competence and experience as trust and estate counselors. In addition to being a brilliant attorney, Stuart is a human being of the highest order, and has helped dozens of CALL clients with their end of life planning. Stuart views estate planning for those of modest material means “not a document of inheritance, but as a document of dignity.” With this kind and generous heart, it is easy to see why Stuart is CALL’s volunteer of the year.
Even though there is a higher incidence of cancer in older Americans, people who get cancer in their 40’s and 50’s are much more likely to need legal care for issues with employment, social security disability, and guardianships for minor children.

In 2014, CALL provided legal care to 399 Minnesotans.
2014 Financial Summary

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Full financial statements and governance documents are available to view at the CALL office.

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