Meeting the Legal Needs of Clients Facing Serious Illness Through Pro Bono

Part 2: Relief from Creditors
SERVICES AND RESOURCES

LINC connects cancer patients, survivors and their families with resources that help ease the day-to-day challenges of cancer.  [www.cancerlinc.org](http://www.cancerlinc.org)

Areas of assistance include:

- Estate Planning
- Employment Issues
- Private Insurance Denials
- Medicare/Medicaid Coverage and Denials
- Landlord-Tenant Issues
- Foreclosure Prevention
- Bankruptcy
- Debtor’s Rights
- Financial Planning
Virginia’s Civil Legal Aid Offices

Legal Aid Pro Bono Opportunities. All of Virginia’s legal aid offices have well-established private attorney involvement programs with pro bono coordinators who will help support your volunteer lawyering work. Please contact your local legal aid office for more information.

- **Blue Ridge Legal Services** – (540) 433-1830 (main office in Harrisonburg, offices in Winchester, Lexington, and Roanoke)
- **Central Virginia Legal Aid Society** – (804) 648-1012 (main office in Richmond, offices in Petersburg, and Charlottesville)
- **Legal Aid Justice Center** – (434) 977-0553 (main office in Charlottesville, offices in Richmond, Petersburg, and Falls Church)
- **Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia** – (757) 627-5423 (main office in Norfolk, offices in Hampton, Virginia Beach, Belle Haven, and Williamsburg)
- **Legal Aid Society of Roanoke Valley** – (540) 344-2088 (Roanoke)
- **Legal Services of Northern Virginia** – (703) 778-6800 (main office in Falls Church, offices in Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax, Leesburg, Manassas, and Fredericksburg)
- **Rappahannock Legal Services** – (540) 371-1105 (main offices in Fredericksburg, offices in Culpeper, and Tappahannock)
- **Southwest Virginia Legal Aid** – (276) 783-8300 (main office in Marion, offices in Castlewood and Christiansburg)
- **Virginia Legal Aid Society** – (434) 528-4722 (main office in Lynchburg, offices in Danville, Emporia, Farmville, and Suffolk)
About Our Presenter

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• Been in private practice since 1996 primarily in the area of consumer protection, collection harassment and abuse cases under the Fair Debt Protection Act
• Chairs the Board of Directors of LSCV and as Chair of VTLA’s Consumer Law Section
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• Frequent lecturer on consumer law at national, state and local CLE programs
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Webinar Topics

The presentation will cover the following topics:

• **Issue Spotting.** What are the broader areas of law that would be implicated for a person facing a severe health issue?

• **Litigation.** A discussion of coverage, remedies, and common violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Telephone Communication Protection Act and other laws.

• **Review of Hospital Billing Practices** (including indigent care rules)

• **Relief Strategies.** Things pro se lawyers can do to provide fairly instant relief for their clients from creditors and third party collectors.
Litigation

Major Legislation

• Fair Credit Reporting Act
• Telephone Communication Protection Act
• Fair Debt Collection Act
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Upcoming Webinars in This Series

• **Part 3: Health Insurance Issues (Medicare, Medicaid, and the ACA)**, Thursday, May 15, 2014 @ 2:00 pm

• **Part 4: Social Security Benefits**, Thursday, June 19, 2014 @2:00 pm

• **Part 5: Housing Law**, July 2014 (Date and Time TBD)

*NOTE - while not part of this series, the VSB, VPLC, and Virginia Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services are co-sponsoring a webinar **Pro Bono and Elder Law: End of Life Planning**, May 6, 2014 @ 2:00 pm*