
Our Cases

Because of limited resources, the AIDS Legal Project cannot accept all cases. We handle cases in the following areas:

- Guardianship Planning for families with children.
- Public Benefits, including Social Security Disability, Supplemental Security Income, and Medicaid
- Powers of attorney and wills
- Insurance
- Discrimination in employment, housing, education and public accommodations
- Breach of Confidentiality

We do **not** provide representation in the following kinds of cases:

- Criminal
 - Immigration
 - Bankruptcy
 - Custody and visitation
 - Landlord/tenant
 - Worker's compensation, medical malpractice, and personal injury
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Praise for the Legal Project

"Thanks to the AIDS Legal Project, many Cumberland and surrounding county residents receive crucial legal representation for issues that would have otherwise gone unresolved."

Fran DeShazo, MSW

HIV Case Management Program Coordinator, Cape Fear Valley Health System

"The staff and law students who give their time and expertise are to be commended for providing a much needed and completely unduplicated service."

Jacquelyn M. Clymore, MS

Director of Community Services
Alliance of AIDS Services - Carolina Access,

"The Duke AIDS Legal Project has provided much needed, typically hard to access, legal services for the HIV-positive, low-income clients treated at our clinics. The Project members are leaders in the promotion of social justice and the continued fight against discrimination."

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People with HIV/AIDS face a variety of legal problems related to their illness. The AIDS Legal Project is the only law office in North Carolina devoted exclusively to issues important to people with HIV, including Social Security and private disability, permanency planning for children of HIV-infected parents, end-of-life planning, insurance, privacy and discrimination.

Our Services

The AIDS Legal Project provides free legal representation to low-income HIV-infected clients with legal problems relating to their diagnosis. Legal assistance is provided by advanced law students working under the supervision of attorneys. All services are completely confidential. We meet with clients in our offices at Duke Legal Project, at medical clinics, and at case management agencies.



Our Clients

Our clients are primarily low-income HIV-infected individuals who come to the Triangle for medical care. Students can meet with clients at their area medical appointments or at Duke Law School.

Community Education

In addition to direct legal services, we regularly conduct workshops and training throughout the state for HIV/AIDS clients and their caregivers (case managers, health care providers, social workers, friends and family members), on their legal rights. The AIDS Legal Project also provides training to lawyers interested in providing legal assistance to HIV/AIDS clients. In addition, we respond to regular phone calls from case managers, social workers, attorneys and health care providers, requesting information about the legal rights of their HIV infected patients.

To Request Services

Interested persons may call us at **(919) 613-7169** or toll free at **(888) 600-7274**. We also welcome referrals from case managers, health care providers, and other agencies.

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Training skilled, compassionate lawyers

The Duke AIDS Legal Project has been providing free legal assistance to low-income HIV-infected clients since 1996. The AIDS Legal Project offers law students the opportunity to develop practical lawyering skills through direct representation of clients under close attorney supervision. Each semester ten students are enrolled in this clinical law course, delivering over 100 hours of direct client services each. The students receive practical skills training, specialized training in the law relating to HIV/AIDS, and academic credit. Through their work, the AIDS Legal Project fills a critical need for legal representation of some of the neediest clients in North Carolina.

