

# **LCD** *Legal Clinic for the Disabled*

## **OUR MISSION**

The Legal Clinic for the Disabled (LCD) provides free legal services to low-income people with physical disabilities in the Greater Philadelphia area. We help our clients overcome obstacles that might otherwise compromise their health, independence or quality of life.

## **ABOUT US**

Since 1990, LCD has helped thousands of people with physical disabilities by providing a variety of free legal services. A 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation with offices at Magee Rehabilitation Hospital, LCD provides advice and advocacy to help clients live safe, independent and healthy lives in the community.

Our team of in-house attorneys and dedicated corps of volunteer attorneys offer services accessible to our clients in a community-based, user-friendly environment through Community Legal Outreach Clinics, Medical-Legal Partnerships, home visits and trainings.

### ***Community Legal Outreach Clinics***

LCD reaches out to persons with disabilities, lawyers, medical professionals and social services agencies to tell them about legal issues facing persons with disabilities and about the availability of our services. With monthly clinics at several area facilities, we make legal services readily accessible to low-income people with physical disabilities by going to them.

### ***Medical-Legal Partnerships***

Our Medical-Legal Partnerships (MLPs) help improve clients' health and wellness by overcoming adverse social conditions, like unsafe housing, hunger and income insecurity, through legal assistance from our on-site attorneys. Our team works together with our health partners, including hospitals and health centers, as part of the healthcare team to focus on the most critical priorities for the patients/clients. This model helps us fulfil our purpose of improving our clients' quality of life by giving them access to legal services when and where they need them, recognizing that health is as dependent on social conditions as it is on accessing and receiving quality healthcare.

## LCD'S IMPACT

Over 230,000 people age 16 and older in the greater Philadelphia area live with physical disabilities. More than 75% of the disabled community is excluded from the workforce, and are considered low-income.

Every year in the greater Philadelphia area, LCD provides free legal services to more than 1,000 people with disabilities. We advise, represent and refer clients on the following civil law matters:

Consumer Protection	Family Law	Housing	Advance Planning	Financial & Medical Assistance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Debt collection defense</li><li>• Identity theft</li><li>• Utilities</li><li>• Fraud</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Domestic Violence</li><li>• Custody</li><li>• Child/spousal support</li><li>• No-Fault Divorce (2-year separation)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Landlord-Tenant</li><li>• Housing Conditions</li><li>• Tangled Title/Deed Transfers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Simple Wills</li><li>• Living wills</li><li>• Powers of attorney</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public benefits</li><li>• Insurance</li><li>• Supplemental Security Income (SSI)</li></ul>

*LCD does not handle criminal matters, personal injury, medical malpractice, bankruptcy, worker's compensation and certain types of discrimination-related matters. We can provide appropriate referrals to clients seeking these types of services.*

## HOW TO GET ASSISTANCE

LCD provides general telephone intake every Wednesday from 9:30-3:30. We do not have walk-in service. Clients can call our intake line at 215-587-3350 during intake hours only. Do not call and leave a message on non-intake days because you will not receive a call back.

## WHAT QUALIFIES AS A DISABILITY

Examples of qualifying physical disabilities include (but are not limited to): Traumatic Brain and Spinal Cord Injuries, Chronic Conditions including Asthma and Diabetes, Cancer, HIV/AIDS, Crohn's Disease, COPD, Heart Disease, Lupus, Rheumatoid Arthritis and Multiple Sclerosis.

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