

**The ABA Commission on Women in the Profession
and
Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia**

Present

LITIGATION AND THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF BREAST CANCER PATIENTS

Friday, October 21, 2005

Howrey, LLP, Main Conference Room

1299 Pennsylvania Ave., NW

Washington, DC

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Program Session 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Many cancer patients face a variety of legal problems related to their illness. These include health care issues, including refusal by insurance companies to authorize needed treatment, and employment related problems. This seminar will provide information to assist attorneys who do not ordinarily handle cases of this type become aware of practices, procedures, and statutory enactments that will help them to assist clients with legal problems resulting from their illness.

Speakers:

◆ **J. Cunyon Gordon, Esq.**

Ms. Gordon is Counsel at Eimer, Stahl, Klevorn and Solberg LLP in Chicago, where she represents corporate clients in general complex litigation matters, and directs the firm's Associate Development Program. She has also served as visiting professor at four law schools and taught trial advocacy for NITA's Midwest and Regional Courses. Ms. Gordon is a former member and liaison to the Commission on Women, and has been active on its Breast Cancer Advocacy Committee since its inception.

◆ **Anita P. Miller, Esq.**

Ms. Miller is a practicing land use attorney in Albuquerque, New Mexico, who represents New Mexico municipalities and counties on land use, subdivision growth management and environmental matters. She is a liaison member of the American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession and former Breast Cancer Committee Co-Chair. Anita organized the first continuing legal education program to implement a breast cancer training project in New Mexico in August 2001. The New Mexico advocacy program is flourishing.

◆ **Lisa S. Scimeca, Esq.**

Ms. Scimeca is a Supervisory Benefits Advisor for the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, in the Philadelphia Regional Office. She advises employees, employers, plan administrators, Congressional staff, and others about rights and obligations under ERISA, COBRA, and HIPAA, including new regulations, interpretations, legislations and court decisions.

◆ **L. Susan Scelzo Slavin, Esq.**

Ms. Slavin is the litigation partner in the firm of Slavin Law Firm, PC. in Huntington, New York. She regularly represents clients in litigated matters including corporate transactions, commercial litigation, education law, employment discrimination, health law litigation, and trust and estate litigation.

◆ **Lish Whitson, Esq.**

Mr. Whitson's litigation practice at Stokes Lawrence, P.S. in Seattle, Washington includes commercial litigation, health, employment, medical malpractice and personal injury law, representing people with cancer and other life threatening diseases who have been denied health coverage. He is the former Chair of the Commission's Breast Cancer Legal Advocacy Initiative and a current Commission Liaison.

For additional information about the ABA Commission on Women Breast Cancer Legal Advocacy Initiative, please contact the ABA Commission on Women at 312-988-5715.

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