



A Division of the New York Legal Assistance Group

LegalHealth

Professional Partnership to Promote Well Being[®]

Since 2001, LegalHealth has partnered with medical professionals to address the nonmedical needs of low-income people with serious health problems. LegalHealth complements health care with legal care — providing free legal services in medical facilities and training healthcare professionals to understand the legal issues their patients face. LegalHealth extends its mission nationally by providing technical assistance to bring medical and legal partners together.

MOUNT SINAI BETH ISRAEL

Clinic Location

Pediatrics

10 Union Square East
PACC Suite 2H
Manhattan

Oncology

10 Union Square East
Suite 4A
Manhattan

Clinic Schedule

Fridays
9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

By appointment

Key Departments Served (referrals/training)

All Medical Departments

Oncology
Radiology
Palliative Care

Appointments

212-844-8300
Reception

Referrals made through social worker or
oncologist

LegalHealth at Beth Israel Medical Center

Every week attorneys bring the law office into the hospital, providing advice and representation to help patients:

- Secure government benefits
- Fix housing problems
- Address credit issues
- Handle immigration issues
- Plan ahead (e.g. wills, health care proxy, power of attorney and guardianship)
- Access special education services
- Solve insurance disputes
- Negotiate workplace accommodations

Patient Stories

Andres

Due to a learning disability, 9-year-old Andres could not read and had to repeat second grade, in a special class separated from his friends. His grades kept dropping, and he developed behavioral problems and withdrew from class participation. LegalHealth won Andres intensive private reading instruction. His reading improved rapidly. He returned to classes with his friends, advanced academically and started participating enthusiastically in class. In November, the school named him Student-of-the-Month.

Rafaela

Rafaela was a 60-year-old woman who had breast cancer and faced eviction from her apartment. She skipped radiation treatment to go to housing court. Rafaela's doctor referred her to LegalHealth. A LegalHealth attorney negotiated with her landlord a plan to cover past rent and avoid eviction. The landlord also agreed to make much needed repairs in her apartment. Resolution of these issues reduced Rafaela's stress and let her focus on her essential radiation treatments.

Contact LegalHealth

For more information contact:

Randy Retkin, Director · 212-613-5080 · RRetkin@NYLAG.org

Julie Brandfield, Associate Director · 212-613-5083 · JBrandfield@NYLAG.org