



THE COOKOUT: REAL TALK ABOUT THE BLACK BREAST CANCER EXPERIENCE

For hundreds of years, **Black communities** have relied on our own resourcefulness and wisdom to confront cancer when it hits home.

Yet, according to the American Cancer Society, "For most types of cancer, Black people have the highest death rate and shortest survival of any racial/ethnic group in the United States."

There has to be a way to better serve our community--and it starts by understanding our cancer journeys through medical, legal and social systems.

Cancer Legal Care has joined forces with **LaShaune P. Johnson, PhD** (a three time cancer survivor and professional troublemaker) to better understand Black family breast cancer journeys.

In our ongoing efforts to support more inclusive practices in our work, we are starting a series of exploratory conversations about the relationship that medical legal partnerships such as CLC have in the lived experiences of Black families and communities.

If you are willing to lend your wisdom as a patient/survivor or a caregiver in a one-on-one conversation with Dr. Johnson, please go to cancerlegalcare.org/the-cookout/ for more information or contact Dr. Johnson directly at TheCookOut@estellalucia.com.

Together, we will light the path to a better way.



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You may be thinking: "Whose stories are you looking for?" "What's involved?" "Is this another 'drive thru' project where outsiders come in and don't come back?"

These are real and valid questions in our community and they deserve answers! Details are on our website at cancerlegalcare.org/the-cookout/, but here are a few quick answers:

During the months of October-December 2024, we are looking for self-identified Black/African-American people who have been diagnosed with breast cancer or cared for a loved one with breast cancer, or are nurses who care for cancer patients.

What's involved? If this sounds like you, then:

- You can text/call/email Dr. Johnson to learn more before you decide.
- You can set up an appointment for a recorded 45 minute call about the day-to-day topics that Black cancer patients (and their caregivers) think about before, during, and after active treatment.
- You will receive a gift card to honor your time and contribution.

During the months of January-May 2025, Dr. Johnson will be weaving together the stories she has heard and you will get invited to one of a couple of Cookouts in Spring 2025 to hear how we're understanding your story and how it will inform CLC's journey.

Important Things to Know

- Participation is completely voluntary and you can withdraw at any time.
- The reporting of your conversation with Dr. Johnson will be anonymous and only used for the purpose of this improvement project.

More details available at cancerlegalcare.org/the-cookout/

