


Jeanne A. Carpenter
Epilepsy Legal Defense Fund

APPLICATION FOR CASE FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Jeanne A. Carpenter Epilepsy Legal Defense Fund provides limited financial support in cases involving people with epilepsy. This funding can be used to defray the costs of filing a case, and to pay for costs associated with obtaining transcripts, taking depositions, printing legal documents, copying records and paying for expert witness fees and expenses.

Because funds are limited, not all cases will qualify for financial assistance. The following factors are considered when deciding whether to grant financial assistance:

- Will the case establish a precedent at the state or federal level?
- Does the case involve clearly defined legal issues rather than questions of fact?
- Is the case at the appellate, rather than trial, level?
- Does the outcome of the case directly impact persons with epilepsy?
- Does the case advance a position previously adopted by the Epilepsy Foundation?
- Does the case present an issue on which the Defense Fund can provide a unique perspective?
- Are sufficient resources available?

The following information is needed for all requests for financial assistance made to the Jeanne A. Carpenter Epilepsy Legal Defense Fund. The Defense Fund's Legal Advisory Board will make a determination on such requests, based on the information supplied. Please provide, by regular mail or fax, the following information in a letter signed by counsel for the individual on whose behalf the request is made (the client):

1. A summary of the facts of the case
2. A description of the case's procedural posture (that is, at what stage is the case, what documents have been filed, are there scheduled times for filing a brief, conducting a hearing or trial, etc.)
3. A discussion of the likely outcome of the case, including the anticipated ruling of the court or the terms of a settlement (and when such a ruling or settlement might occur), and the relief that would be awarded to the plaintiff, if he or she prevails
4. The specific use for the funds requested

5. The precise amount of funding requested
6. An explanation of how this amount was determined
7. The date by which the funds would be needed
8. A statement regarding the ability of the client to pay all or part of the amounts requested
9. A statement as to whether any anticipated future requests for funds may be made, and the purpose for which such funds might be used
10. An assurance that counsel will be able to document all expenditures made with the funds, if they are awarded, and will provide that documentation to the Epilepsy Foundation promptly
11. An assurance that any funds which are awarded and not expended for the designated purpose will be promptly refunded to the Epilepsy Foundation
12. An assurance that, if, as a result of a settlement or a court order, the opposing party actually makes a payment to the client or counsel covering costs related to experts or for other expenses for which the Legal Defense Fund provided financial assistance on behalf of the client, those monies which the Defense Fund provided will be promptly reimbursed to the Fund.

Requests for financial support should be faxed to 301-577-2684 or mailed to Jeanne A. Carpenter Epilepsy Legal Defense Fund, Epilepsy Foundation, 8301 Professional Place, Landover, MD 20785-2238.

