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De'Shae says that mold in their rental apartment is making her and her children sick. She and her oldest son have been taking antibiotics for months. Both must also have special breathing treatments. "I just want to save money and move into my own house," De'Shae says. "This place is hazardous to our health." PLS attorneys are currently working to help this family.

Attorneys Are Powerful Allies for Health

POVERTY IS BOTH A CAUSE AND CONSEQUENCE OF POOR HEALTH. WHEN DOCTORS PARTNER WITH LAWYERS, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CAUSES OF ILLNESS CAN BE ADDRESSED AND IMPROVED.

De'Shae's asthma has worsened to the point of becoming bronchitis. Not only is she suffering, her four-year-old son is also coughing and struggling to breathe.

While their symptoms can improve with medical care, Dr. Rishi Manchanda says we must "look upstream" to understand the environment in which people live and how it affects their health and everyday lives.

If De'Shae and her son are only treated for their symptoms, no one would ever know that black mold is infesting their

rental apartment. According to De'Shae, it's making them very sick.

Without money to move, or a landlord willing to correct the problem, this family needs a rather unexpected person as part of their health care team: a lawyer. Pisgah Legal Services has taken their case.

Manchanda says that medical professionals can learn to identify social and environmental determinants of health, and then partner with organizations like Pisgah Legal to provide more holistic care.

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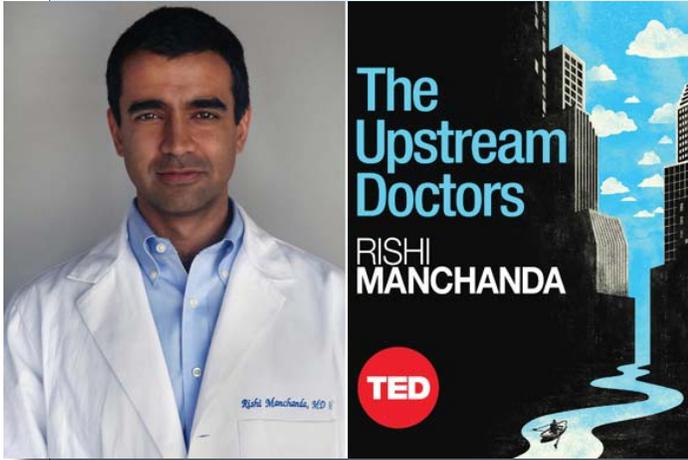


Coming Soon!

Dr. Rishi Manchanda
at our 5th Annual
Poverty Forum,
October 14th.

**Come hear his
innovative ideas
for creating a
healthier society
using an "upstream"
approach.**

More inside...



Getting Upstream of Poverty

How Poverty Impacts Health & How We Can Work Together to Affect Change

with Dr. Rishi Manchanda

October 14, 2015 at Diana Wortham Theatre

5:30 pm Reception/ 7:00 pm Forum

Tickets: \$15/person for the forum alone; \$50/person to attend a cocktail reception with Dr. Manchanda and also attend the forum.

RSVP with the enclosed envelope, or purchase tickets online at www.pisgahlegal.org.

Become a Sponsor! Sponsorships range from \$250 - \$5,000. Contact Betsy at (828) 210-3444 for details.

Health Care Innovator Keynote Speaker for Forum

Join us on **October 14th**, to hear Dr. Manchanda speak at PLS' 5th Annual Poverty Forum in Asheville.

About Rishi Manchanda

Dr. Rishi Manchanda is an "upstreamist" physician and public health innovator. He focuses on improving primary care, the social and environmental conditions that make people sick, and health and human rights.

Manchanda is founder and president of HealthBegins, a social enterprise that seeks to transform health care. He serves as the medical director of a clinic for homeless veterans in L.A.

Manchanda is also the founder of RxDemocracy, a nonpartisan health care coalition that supports civic engagement and that has registered 30,000 voters in clinics nationwide. And he is the author of "The Upstream Doctors."

Last year, Manchanda was chosen by *The Atlantic* as one of 20 leading health care innovators in the U.S.

HEALS: A Successful Medical-Legal Partnerships in WNC

The Health Education and Legal Support Project (HEALS) is a medical-legal partnership between PLS and Mission Hospitals that began in 2006. It was the first of its kind in the state of North Carolina.

Since then more than 2,600 low-income people have been helped through HEALS, and thousands of medical

professionals have been trained about the underlying social determinants of health.

Mission doctors and staff regularly call upon PLS attorneys to assist patients with end-of-life planning, access to Medicaid and disability benefits, legal intervention in unlawful evictions or foreclosures and protective orders for victims of domestic violence. Pisgah Legal hopes to expand this successful program into other parts of WNC.

"We need a fundamental change in the way we look at health care to improve health where it begins."

– Dr. Rishi Manchanda



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How Does Poverty Affect Health?

- People living in poverty are more likely to suffer from a variety of serious health problems, both psychological and physical.
- Domestic violence rates are five times higher in low-income households.
- Chronic stress of childhood poverty can result in life-long psychological effects such as anxiety, depression, PTSD, and substance abuse.

Please help us fight poverty in WNC.

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Parsec Financial: A Valued Partner for Justice

"WE SEE SUPPORTING PISGAH LEGAL SERVICES AS A GREAT RETURN ON OUR INVESTMENT. WE APPRECIATE THAT YOU HELP LOCAL PEOPLE WHO CAN'T DEFEND THEMSELVES ALONE."

More than 35 years ago, Bart Boyer founded Parsec Financial Wealth Management. The business has grown dramatically to become the largest independent fee-only firm in WNC to provide financial planning, investment management, and estate and trust advisory services.

In 2005 the firm introduced The Parsec Prize, an award given to nonprofit organizations for programs that improve the quality of life. Since then, they have awarded more than \$783,000. Pisgah Legal Services was awarded a \$20,000 Parsec Prize this year.

The firm's leaders say they believe that by giving back to the community, the community becomes a better place to live.

"We always tell our clients that when they succeed, we succeed. We feel the same way about our community," says Travis Boyer, Senior Financial Advisor who joined the family business in 2012 and who also volunteers with PLS.



Members of the Parsec team, outside their downtown Asheville office on Wall Street.

In addition to the Parsec Prize, Parsec promotes a culture of giving among their employees.

For example, Managing Partner Bill Hansen's personal support of PLS is generously matched by Parsec.



"I began giving to Pisgah during the recession when I saw how the attorneys were saving people's homes from foreclosure," Hansen says. "I like that you are helping local people, and that the nature of your work makes a tangible difference in their lives."

Attorney Bryant Webster Honored for Outstanding Pro Bono Work



Bryant Webster is the recipient of the 2015 William L. Thorp Pro Bono Award. The award was presented at the NC Bar Association Annual Meeting this June.

Bryant practices law at Stone and Christy, P.A. in Black Mountain. He has volunteered with Pisgah Legal Services' MAVL (Mountain Area Volunteer Lawyers) Program since 1997. Since then, Bryant has provided 1,300+ hours of legal service at no cost to our clients.

Congratulations, and thank you, Bryant!

WORDS OF THANKS FROM A RECENT CLIENT:

"You cannot imagine how many your work is a blessing to. I am one of them."

Thank you for your strength and hard work that you do with love." – Maria

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More Fun PLS Events

ENJOY THESE FALL EVENTS, SHOW YOUR SUPPORT



Truffle & Beer Tasting

Hosted by 28th JDB Young Lawyers

September 10th: 5:30pm

French Broad Chocolate Factory
& Catawba Brewing, Asheville

Amplify Pisgah & Pisgah Brewing Present



Trampled by Turtles with Dr. Dog

Concert Benefits Pisgah Legal Services

October 1st: 7:30pm

Pisgah Brewing Co., Black Mountain



Sing Out! For Justice

Benefit for the Henderson County

Family Justice Center

Featuring Singer Kat Williams

October 1st: 5:30pm

Flat Rock Playhouse Downtown
125 S. Main St., Hendersonville

More info/tickets at www.pisgahlegal.org.

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