



CONSUMER

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LOCATION

St. Louis, MO

OCCUPATION

Teacher (Retired)

LEGISLATORS

Sen, Scott Sifton
District 1 (D)

Rep. Cloria Brown
District 94 (R)

Why did you use Consumer Legal Funding?

In April of 2014, I was in a car accident that changed my life. I sustained major brain injuries from the crash, and after I had seizures due to those injuries. As one can imagine, rehabilitation required constant visits to the doctor, appointments, and treatments. Because I was on anti-seizure medication, I wasn't able to drive for over a year and relied solely on taxis to ensure I could continue to get the care I needed to heal. As a retired teacher, I wasn't bringing in additional income to take care of these unexpected extra costs. That is when consumer legal funding became the best choice for me.

How did Consumer Legal Funding help?

The assistance I received truly helped me get back on my feet when I desperately needed the option. I was able to use the funds I acquired to get myself to my appointments and pay for the care I needed. Not being able to generate extra income to tackle the financial stress I was under was extremely difficult for my family and me, but I was able to continue to pay my electric and gas bills with the money I received.

What would have happened if Consumer Legal Funding was not available to you?

If consumer legal funding was not available to me, my world would have fallen apart. I wouldn't have been able to heal from my physical injuries, but more importantly, I don't think my family and I would have been able to stay afloat in our home without the help we received. Knowing that I had the option to access consumer legal funding put my family and me in a much more stable and stress-free place financially. If I hadn't had access to it, I don't know where I would be today.