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Rice Law partners with New Hanover Relay For Life to fight cancer

8 April 2010—Wilmington, NC—For a second year, Rice Law, PLLC is offering free legal services to create personalized Advanced Health Care Directive documents at the New Hanover Relay For Life.

"We are pleased to sponsor the Relay for Life and our team enjoys helping families learn more about how they can protect their loved ones," said Mark Spencer Williams, managing member of Rice Law, PLLC.

Rice Law will be offering free legal services to North Carolinians seeking Advance Health Care Directive documents at the New Hanover Relay For Life on Friday, April 23, 2010, so you can make medical decisions when you're not in a medical emergency and can take the time to decide what directions you want family and medical providers to know in a crisis.

When seriously ill or injured, unconscious or near death, you won't be able to speak for yourself. Advance Health Care Directive documents are used to speak for you regarding: Health Care Power of Attorney and Living Will (also called a declaration of a desire for a natural death).

Williams continues, "Rice Law staff volunteer their time to help participants get the health care documents they need and attorneys are onsite to field legal questions."

By managing final illness through a Living Will, you instruct medical personnel when to maintain life support, when to terminate life support, and whether you desire them to resuscitate or revive you from death or unconsciousness should you experience a terminal or incurable illness or are in a vegetative state. A Health Care Power of Attorney allows you to name someone you trust to make health care decisions on your behalf, if, in the future, you are unable to make those decisions for yourself.

If you or a loved one is interested in these estate planning documents, Rice Law attorneys will be at the New Hanover Relay for Life on Friday, April 23, to discuss and begin preparing these documents for you as a free service. Those participating in this offer will have access their documents in the Rice Law virtual law office (VLO) on or after May 7, 2010.

"We hope for a great turnout in support of the American Cancer's Society's fight against cancer."

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About Rice Law, PLLC

Rice Law, PLLC provides legal counsel in the areas of family and education law. Our attorneys provide full-service representation of clients throughout the State but focus primarily on New Hanover, Pender and Brunswick counties. The firm also provides online legal services

throughout the State of North Carolina through our Virtual Law Office (VLO). For more information, visit www.ricefamilylaw.com.

About New Hanover Relay For Life

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life is an overnight event that raises cancer awareness and funds for research, education, advocacy, and patient service programs. Relay For Life raises 43% of the total funding for ACS. The event is a celebration of life for survivors, a memorial for loved ones lost, and a rally for the community to fight cancer. For more information, visit www.newhanoverrelay.org.