

# 'Immoral and Barbaric': Cancer-Surviving Judge Blasts Insurer For Denying Lawyer's Treatment



A Miami-based personal injury attorney, a prostate cancer survivor, sued his health-care insurance provider in April, accusing it of wrongfully denying him and potentially thousands of other men coverage for a lifesaving prostate cancer treatment.

Richard Cole has had a hard time finding a judge to hear his case, if only because they all keep recusing themselves, **reports** *The Washington Post*.

Then one judge, who also felt he had to recuse himself and who was a prostate cancer survivor himself, made it clear how he felt about the case. In his recusal order, U.S. District Judge Robert N. Scola Jr. wrote "To deny a patient this treatment, if it is available, is immoral and barbaric."

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