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# Wiley Rein Takes Part in Light the Night Walk

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This weekend Wiley Rein lawyers and staff will take part in the 10th annual Light the Night Walk on October 17 to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The two and a half mile walk, which begins at Freedom Plaza, celebrates survivors and supporters, while honoring those who lost their battle with cancer.

Wiley Rein, led by the firm's Associates Committee, is encouraging participation and fundraising as a way to give-back to the community. On the evening of the walk, registration starts at 5 p.m., with music, food and children's activities until the start of the walk at 8 p.m. This is Wiley Rein's sixth year participating.

Last year approximately 20 people joined the Wiley Rein team to help in the fight against cancer. Nicole P. Wishart, co-chair of the Associates Committee Community Service Subcommittee and five-year participant, says "The event is a great celebration of life and progress made in winning the fight against cancer. Thousands of people come together to Light the Night and enjoy each others' company, along with music and food from local organizations."

The Washington DC walk is part of a nation-wide event, with walks taking place in communities throughout the United States and Canada, typically in the fall. Participants "Light the Night" by carrying illuminated balloons of different colors during the walk. Red balloons are carried by supporters, friends, and family while white balloons are carried by survivors and gold balloons are carried in memory of someone who died from blood cancer.

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society began in 1949 with a mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma. The money raised has contributed to major advances in treatment, helping patients live better, longer lives. Since its first funding in 1954, the society has been awarded more than \$600 million for research.