

LAWYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The mission of the State Bar of California Lawyer Assistance Program is to support law students, State Bar applicants, inactive, active, and former/disbarred attorneys in their rehabilitation and competent practice of law, enhance public protection, and maintain the integrity of the legal profession.



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Supporting law students, State Bar applicants, and attorneys through life's challenges



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Contact the Lawyer Assistance Program to see if financial assistance is available for your particular situation.

THE PRACTICE OF LAW IS DEMANDING.

It demands your time, your energy, and your attention. Whether you are preparing to enter the profession, already practicing, or winding down for retirement, your responsibilities to others often require you to forsake your own well-being in order to achieve success. Over time, this can take a toll on your mental and physical health.

Are you:

- › Feeling that things are not quite right or could be going better?
- › Struggling to keep up personally and professionally?
- › Having problems with sleep, appetite, concentration, and/or procrastination?
- › Drinking, using drugs, or engaging in other unhealthy behaviors to cope?
- › Willing to reach out and get the help you deserve?



The Lawyer Assistance Program Can Help

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"This is the first time since I was 22 years old that I can look towards a future—any future— with confidence rather than fear and worry."

Lawyer Assistance Program participant

Be proactive when facing life's challenges.

Research confirms that legal professionals suffer from mental health issues and addiction at much higher rates than the general population. Substance use and mental health disorders are not moral issues. They are treatable illnesses with effects that result in the deterioration of moral and ethical practices.

There is no shame in having an illness. The challenge is to seek treatment once its presence is recognized.

The Lawyer Assistance Program is confidential.

Confidentiality is absolute unless waived by you. Information cannot be disclosed as part of a civil proceeding, a disciplinary proceeding, or a public records request (Business and Professions Code section 6234).

MCLE Presentation

The State Bar provides a free one-hour MCLE presentation that satisfies the competency credit for all attorneys at their law firms, bar associations, agencies, organizations, conferences, seminars, or conventions. The presentation is also available to all law students and Bar Exam applicants at their law school, student association, student organization, conference, seminar, or convention. To request an MCLE presentation, contact LAP at 877-LAP-4-HELP or LAP@calbar.ca.gov.

LAWYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SERVICES



Short-Term Counseling

- › Two free one-on-one short-term counseling sessions with a local therapist
- › Two free career counseling sessions for career dilemmas/decisions
- › No long-term commitment



Orientation & Assessment

- › Free professional mental health assessment
- › No long-term commitment to the program
- › Confidential appointment with a Clinical Rehabilitation Coordinator (CRC)



Support

- › Weekly support groups with other participants
- › Support of a qualified mental health professional
- › Voluntary and confidential program
- › Fee for group participation



Monitoring

- › Specific monitoring or verification requirement imposed by:
 - State Bar Court, employers, and other entities
- › Long-term structure
- › Weekly support group
- › Support of a professional CRC
- › Individual therapy, if applicable
- › Lab testing, if applicable
- › Fees for services
- › No disclosure without prior written authorization