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county bar associations have lawyer assistance committees. THEY ARE:

**Brooklyn (Kings) County Bar Association**

Lawyers Helping Lawyers Committee  
contact: Sarah Krauss . . . . .718/643-3174

**Bar Association of Erie County**

Lawyers Helping Lawyers Committee  
contact: Katherine S. Bifaro . . .716/852-8687

**Monroe County Bar Association**

Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers Committee  
contact: John Crowe . . . . .585/234-1950

**Nassau County Bar Association**

Lawyer Assistance Program Committee  
contact: Henry Kruman . . . . .516/599-6420  
24 Hour Crisis Hotline . . . . .1/888/408-6222

**New York County Lawyers Association**

Committee on Substance Abuse  
contact: Andral Bratton . . . . .212/401-0748

**Oneida County Bar Association**

Lawyer Assistance Committee  
contact: Tim Foley . . . . .315/733-7549

**Onondaga County Bar Association**

Lawyer to Lawyer Committee  
contact: Kenneth Ackerman . .315/233-8203  
or Noreen Shea . . . . .315/476-3101

**Schenectady County Bar Association**

Lawyer Assistance Committee  
contact: Vincent Reilly . . . . .518/388-4350

**Suffolk County Bar Association**

Committee on Alcohol and Substance Abuse  
contact: Richard Reid . . . . .631/286-3560  
or Joseph Bisch . . . . .631/439-4200  
24 Hour Crisis Hotline . . . . .631/697-2499

**Westchester County Bar Association**

Committee on Alcohol and Substance Abuse  
contact: John Keegan . . . . .914/949-7227

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PROMOTING *Awareness..*  
*of Alcohol*  
*and*  
*Substance Abuse-*



Encouraging *Treatment*

*There is Hope!*

## What is the Lawyer Assistance Trust?

**CREATED BY THE NEW YORK STATE COURT OF APPEALS**, the Trust provides statewide leadership and financial assistance to programs for the treatment and prevention of alcohol and substance dependency in the legal community. Its goals are to encourage the development of new lawyer assistance programs, to educate about alcoholism and substance abuse and their effect on the profession, and to sponsor and promote research in the field. The Trust is funded through attorney registration fees.

### THE TRUST:

**WILL ESTABLISH** guidelines and standards for educational programs to treat and prevent alcohol and substance dependency among law students, lawyers and judges;

**WILL ENHANCE** existing lawyer assistance programs and support the creation of new ones;

**WILL WORK** to modify and supplement existing court rules and procedures to facilitate early detection of alcohol and substance dependency, intervention and referral to treatment;

**WILL FACILITATE** the development of outreach and educational programs throughout the state;

*and*

**WILL PROVIDE** financial grants to develop and support lawyer assistance programs.



## Education Initiatives:

**THE TRUST WILL** promote the creation of new local lawyer assistance programs on at least a regional basis and will work to enhance training opportunities regarding stress management and alcohol and substance dependency.

**THE TRUST WILL** work to establish model guidelines and curricula for professional responsibility, legal education and continuing legal education to address problems of alcohol and substance dependency.

**THE TRUST WILL** develop a Training Reference Manual, an Internet website and appropriate awareness publications.

**THE TRUST WILL** will host periodic lawyer assistance program [LAP] convocations and meetings for LAP providers.

**THE TRUST WILL** work to provide materials to applicants for admission to practice law concerning substance dependency, obligations under the Code of Professional Responsibility, resources for handling professional stress, and the confidentiality of LAP communications.

**THE TRUST WILL** promote self-awareness, particularly for newly admitted attorneys, to identify and treat dependency problems early.

**THE TRUST WILL** develop educational programs to assist judges in recognizing dependency problems in themselves and their colleagues and provide the mechanism for confidential treatment and referral for both judges and attorneys.

## Current Objectives:

### LAWYER DISCIPLINE

■ **AUTHORIZE** a procedure for diversion to a lawyer assistance program, thereby providing incentive for treatment and monitoring; and provide for appointment of a lawyer in recovery to each lawyer disciplinary agency or grievance committee.

### ADMISSION TO PRACTICE

■ **IMPROVE** screening procedures by Character & Fitness Committees and secure appointment of a lawyer in recovery to the Committees.

### CLE REQUIREMENTS

■ **INCLUDE** substance dependency awareness programs in the ethics and professionalism courses.

### LOCAL JUSTICE INITIATIVES

■ **DISTRIBUTE** Lawyer Assistance Program information to Town and Village Justice Courts for alcohol offenders who identify themselves as attorneys or judges.

### LAWYER REGISTRATION

■ **INCLUDE** a brochure of resources available for lawyers and judges suffering from dependency problems (accomplished in 2002).

### Existing Lawyer Assistance Programs

The organized bar has several alternatives for obtaining assistance.

■ The New York State Bar Association has a full-time Director of its Lawyer Assistance Program  
**Ray López . . . . . Call: 800/255-0569**

■ The Association of the Bar of the City of New York has a full-time director of its Lawyer Assistance Program  
**Eileen Travis . . . . . Call: 212/302-5787**