

LAWYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Free Confidential Help is Available



NEW YORK STATE LAWYER ASSISTANCE TRUST

As lawyers, we are charged with our clients' trust.

ALCOHOLISM OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE affects the ability to practice law. Take the time to review the following questions and consider whether you or a colleague would benefit from available services. If you can answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may need help.

1. **ARE MY ASSOCIATES**, clients or family alleging that I am drinking or using drugs too much?
2. **DO I PLAN MY ROUTINE**—ever or sometimes— around my drinking or drug use?
3. **HAVE I HAD A SHORT-TERM MEMORY LOSS** when apparently functioning because of my drinking or drug use?
4. **DO I DRINK OR USE DRUGS** before a meeting or court appearance to calm nerves, gain courage or improve my performance?
5. **HAVE I MISSED APPOINTMENTS** or appearances or failed to return phone calls because of my drinking or drug use?
6. **DO I DRINK OR USE DRUGS** to cope with my feelings?
7. **HAVE I EXPERIENCED PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS** that might be caused by my drinking or drug use?
8. **DOES MY FAMILY HAVE A HISTORY** of alcoholism or substance abuse?
9. **DO I LIE** about the amount of alcohol or drugs I am using?

REMEMBER:

- *Your calls are Confidential*
- *You will have a Free Consultation with a Professional*
- *Referral & Treatment Options will be discussed*

CALL:

1-800-255-0569**NYSBA**

212-302-5787**ABCNY**

“There is Hope”

PROFESSIONALS WILL EVALUATE the situation and recommend an appropriate treatment plan. The consultation is free.

REFERRALS MAY BE MADE to appropriate community resources, self-help groups, outpatient counseling, detoxification and rehabilitation services.

ALL SERVICES ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND PROTECTED UNDER JUDICIARY LAW SECTION 499, WHICH STATES:

1. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION PRIVILEGED.

The confidential relations and communications between a member or authorized agent of a lawyer assistance committee sponsored by a state or local bar association and any person, firm or corporation communicating with such committee, its members or authorized agents shall be deemed to be privileged on the same basis as those provided by law between attorney and client. Such privilege may be waived only by the person, firm or corporation which has furnished information to the committee.

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***Alcoholism and drug addiction
are treatable diseases.***



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