

## Existing Lawyer Assistance Programs

The organized bar has several alternatives for obtaining assistance. For more information, contact:

**Ray Lopez**, Lawyer Assistance Program Director  
New York State Bar Association, 1-800-255-0569

**Charles Beinbauer**, Committee Chair

NYSBA Committee on Lawyer Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, 716-885-3046

**Eileen Travis**, Lawyer Assistance Program Director  
Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 212-302-5787

**William Hammond**, Committee Chair

ABCNY Committee on Lawyer Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, 212-302-5787

## 11 local bar associations have lawyer assistance committees.

### Brooklyn Bar Association

Lawyers Helping Lawyers Committee  
contact: Sarah Krauss 718-643-3700

### 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

Kathy Devine, Lawyer Assistance Program Director  
24-Hour Crisis Hotline 1-888-408-6222  
Lawyer Assistance Program Committee  
contact: Henry Kruman 516-599-6420

### 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  
Family Services Association EAP 315-451-3886

### Queens County Bar Association

Committee on Alcohol and Substance Abuse  
contact: David Dorfman 917-256-0355  
or Lori Zeno 718-261-3047 ext. 517

### 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  
24-Hour Crisis Hotline 631-697-2499

### Westchester County Bar Association

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

## NEW YORK STATE LAWYER ASSISTANCE TRUST



# EDUCATION. PREVENTION. SUPPORT.

NEW YORK STATE  
LAWYER ASSISTANCE TRUST

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Making a positive difference in the prevention and treatment of alcohol and substance abuse among members of the legal profession.



Education, and early intervention and treatment, make an enormous difference and can avoid tragedy. As a profession, we owe it to the public, and to one another, to develop comprehensive programs that reach those who are at risk and get them the help that can make a difference.

– Hon. Judith S. Kaye, Chief Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals



## 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. The Trust is funded through attorney registration fees and is overseen by a 21 member board of trustees.

## OUR GOALS.

Can education, intervention and support make a difference in the treatment and prevention of dependency? Positively. Investing in this core belief, the Trust promotes education on alcoholism and substance abuse, encourages the development of new lawyer assistance programs, as well as sponsors and promotes research in the field.

*Education* plays a vital role in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of dependency. As such, it is the goal of the Trust to establish guidelines and standards for educational programs to treat and prevent dependency among law students, lawyers and judges. The Trust also facilitates the development of outreach and educational programs throughout the state.

In addition, the Trust provides financial grants to develop and support *lawyer assistance programs* (LAP). The Trust works towards enhancing those programs that already exist while supporting the creation of new ones.

And to *facilitate* early detection, intervention and referral to treatment, the Trust works to modify and supplement existing court rules and procedures.

## OUR EDUCATION INITIATIVES.

For education to be an effective tool in the prevention and detection of alcohol and substance abuse, initiatives must be well supported. To this end, the Trust is involved in the development and promotion of educational and lawyer assistance programs on local, regional and state levels.

The Trust's education initiatives include:

- **Establishing** model guidelines and curricula for professional responsibility, legal education and continuing legal education that address the problems associated with dependency;
- **Developing** a Training Reference Manual, an Internet website and appropriate awareness publications;
- **Hosting** periodic LAP convocations and meetings for LAP providers;
- **Providing** applicants for admission to the bar materials concerning substance dependency, obligations under the Code of Professional Responsibility, resources for handling professional stress, and the confidentiality of LAP communications;
- **Promoting** self-awareness, particularly for newly admitted attorneys, that encourages identifying and treating dependency problems early; and
- **Assisting** judges and attorneys to recognize dependency problems in themselves and their colleagues, and provide the means for confidential treatment and referral.

## OUR CURRENT DIRECTION.

The Trust's initiatives span the legal community.

### **Lawyer Discipline:**

- To authorize a procedure for diversion to a lawyer assistance program.
- To provide for appointment of a lawyer in recovery to each lawyer disciplinary agency or grievance committee.

### **Admission to Practice:**

- To improve screening procedures by Character & Fitness Committees.
- To secure appointment of a lawyer in recovery to the Committees.

### **CLE Requirements:**

- To include substance dependency awareness programs in the ethics and professionalism courses.

### **Local Justice Initiatives:**

- To distribute LAP information to Town and Village Justice Courts for alcohol offenders who identify themselves as attorneys or judges.

### **Lawyer Registration:**

- To include a brochure detailing the resources available for lawyers and judges suffering from dependency problems (ongoing since 2002).



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OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.NYLAT.ORG