

## Layers Assistance Committee/Volunteers

### Lawyers Assistance Committee

Originally The Delaware Lawyers Assistance Committee was established to assist lawyers who experienced addiction and substance abuse problems that interfered with their personal lives or their ability to serve as lawyers. Today, the Delaware Lawyers Assistance Committee has expanded their scope to include, but not be limited to, issues of substance abuse/dependence, depression, gambling addiction and other illnesses. This long-standing Committee remains the backbone of the Delaware Lawyers Assistance (DE-LAP) Program and is a network of over 20 Delaware attorneys who have volunteered their time to help fellow Delaware attorneys.

The attorneys who are members of the Committee represent a diverse group of lawyers in every sense of the word. The attorneys have a wide-range of practice areas and are drawn from all three counties. The Committee has regular quarterly meetings where advocacy, policy and strategic issues are discussed. These meetings are held in all three counties and are hosted by Committee members of each particular county.

Some of the attorneys who are Committee members are practicing attorneys who at some point were pulled back from their own personal abyss through the efforts of the Lawyers Assistance Committee. These Committee members have personally experienced, and recovered from the unmanageability of problems that affected their quality of life. Other members have not experienced substance abuse or emotional problems themselves, but have witnessed the consequences these problems have had on family, friends or fellow attorneys and have decided to volunteer their time because of their desire to assist their fellow attorneys.

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