

Rule 43. Lawyers' Assistance Program

(a) Program Description. The Lawyers' Assistance Program shall provide substance abuse and mental health services for attorneys, judges, and law students that may include counseling, the provision of information on addiction and mental health impairments, referrals to treatment programs, peer assistance, education, interventions, relapse prevention, and monitoring of compliance with treatment programs.

(b) Program Provider. The Lawyers' Assistance Program shall be operated by a not-for-profit corporation that is exempt from the payment of federal taxes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Lawyers' Assistance Program, Inc., shall be the designated Lawyers' Assistance Program provider for the State of Illinois.

(c) Program Fee. The Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission shall collect an annual Lawyers' Assistance Program fee as provided in Rule 756 from every attorney admitted to practice law in this State paying full annual registration fees. The Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission shall remit the program fee directly to the Supreme Court's designated Lawyers' Assistance Program provider.

(d) Reporting. The designated Lawyers' Assistance Program provider shall file annually with the Supreme Court an accounting of the monies received and expended for its activities including but not limited to a financial report by budget category of the previous year's activities, a detailed estimated budget for the next year's activities, and an independent audit, which shall be paid for by the program provider. The program provider shall also file annually with the Supreme Court a report detailing the progress of the program, the operations and services provided, the number of eligible recipients who received services, the effectiveness of its activities, and any significant problem areas that developed and how they were resolved.

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