Because life is hard.

For life’s problems, confidential help is available 24 hours a day.

(800) 543-2625
The Wisconsin Lawyers Assistance Program (WisLAP) is a member service of the State Bar of Wisconsin which provides confidential assistance to lawyers, judges, law students, and their families. The program is designed to help legal professionals build on their strengths and provide support through the enhancement of physical, mental, and emotional health.

24 hour helpline
WisLAP maintains a professionally staffed telephone helpline and a support network of trained volunteers. Confidential support is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (including holidays) at (800) 543-2625.

Confidentiality is the cornerstone
Personal struggles are hard to talk about, especially for attorneys. WisLAP treats each request for help with the same confidentiality as the lawyer-client relationship. WisLAP is exempt from reporting professional misconduct to the Office of Lawyer Regulation under the provisions of Wisconsin Supreme Court Rules 20:8.3 (c).

Lawyers helping lawyers
In consultation with clinical staff, WisLAP uses trained lawyers to provide support, referral, and assistance. WisLAP recognizes:
- Lawyers are achievers and perfectionists
- They work challenging and stressful jobs
- They experience the same problems as other professionals but at a higher rate

Identifying a troubled lawyer
“Nonetheless, a lawyer may not shut his eyes to conduct reflecting generally recognized symptoms of impairment.” ABA Formal Opinion 03-431.

Signs of impairment may include:
- Missing court dates or deadlines
- Failure to file documents or perform tasks
- Coming in late or leaving early without notice
- Appearing in court intoxicated or otherwise impaired; changes in mood, behavior, or hygiene

WisLAP offers CLE programs tailored to each group's needs, addressing the following topics: addictions, mental illness, stress management, life balance, and compassion fatigue. Programs can be offered to county bar associations, specialty bars, law schools, or conference audiences.

WisLAP is committed to prevention, identification, and treatment of impairment among legal professionals.

Attorneys can help you
Attorneys are human and humans experience problems such as:
- Depression and Anxiety
- Stress and Burnout
- Alcohol and Drug Abuse
- Marital and Family Problems
- Gambling
- Career Concerns/Unemployment
- Eating Disorders

Whatever the problem, WisLAP is ready to assist you. You don’t have to manage it alone.

“Wisdom is nothing more than healed pain.”
—Robert Gary Lee