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The Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program, Inc. (JLAP) serves the public, the Bar, and the profession by assisting on a confidential basis, lawyers or judges whose professional impairment may result from alcohol, drug abuse or mental illness.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is a privilege to have been selected to serve as JLAP's President for the 2018-2019 term. As a matter of some background, I have been a strong supporter of the program for years now. As a LSBA leader, I along with many others recognized the importance of JLAP and the need to advance its objectives. In that regard, I was directly involved with the selection of my predecessor Mark Surprenant as President, the Bar's increased funding of the program and the comprehensive performance audit that was undertaken.



LARRY SHEA

Extensive studies show that the legal profession has been hit hard by alcohol, drug, and mental health issues. It is for this reason that the tireless work of those affiliated with the day to day efforts of JLAP cannot be understated. Mark's farewell letter captures the essence of those efforts, the successes that have been achieved, and the devotion of Buddy Stockwell and his staff to Louisiana's judges and lawyers and to making Louisiana's JLAP program one of the premier programs in the country. I can only heartily confirm his comments from my observations.

I have some big shoes to fill. We called upon Mark to serve as President of JLAP at a time when it was headed in a new direction. Mark did an admirable job leading the program in that new direction. The accomplishments have been significant. Mark has provided a great example of leadership and I can only hope to continue his good work.

I welcome our new Board Members, Professor Dian Tooley-Knoblett and Bob Kutcher, and welcome back returning Board Members, Judge Ivan Lemelle, Judge Rachael Johnson, Hap Martin and Don Massey. I thank them for their service and look forward to working with them, Buddy and his staff in furthering the objectives of JLAP.

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FAREWELL FROM MARK SURPRENANT



MARK C. SURPRENANT

What an exciting and rewarding past three plus years this has been for JLAP and for me personally. When I first agreed to serve as JLAP's President, starting in February 2015, my involvement with JLAP to that point had been minimal at best. Now, as my term as President ends on June 30, 2018, I can attest to the life-saving work being done on a daily basis by JLAP's excellent Executive Director Buddy Stockwell and his devoted staff. We in Louisiana indeed have a JLAP of which we can and should be very proud.

JLAP is blessed to have a very caring and compassionate person as Buddy Stockwell at the helm. Buddy spends countless hours not just during the normal work week, but also often at night and on the weekend reaching out to those struggling with alcohol, drug, or mental health issues, who are just trying to survive to the next day. Buddy's and JLAP's many successes go essentially unnoticed by all in that they occur in such a way as to protect and ensure a person's confidentiality.

Speaking of successes, JLAP has had many during the past few years. More specifically, just to name a few, JLAP recently underwent the most comprehensive performance audit ever done of any JLAP or LAP in the country. This audit was performed by an independent group of nationally recognized experts who concluded that our Louisiana JLAP is in the "top tier" of similar programs across the country.

In addition, thanks in large part to Melissa Stockwell, we completely revised our website to make it more meaningful and informative; we restructured JLAP in a way to more effectively utilize the pro bono expertise of medical and addiction professionals; we enhanced the services which we can provide to those suffering from mental health issues; we significantly increased the number of individuals coming to JLAP voluntarily for assistance totally apart from any disciplinary directive; and we began the process, under the

leadership of George Pierson, of establishing a JLAP Foundation to help those needing JLAP's assistance, but unable to afford the cost.

All of JLAP's many successes have only been possible because of an unbelievable team effort. In addition to thanking Buddy and his staff, I want to thank all our dedicated Board and Operations Committee members with whom I have worked; the Justices and staff of the Louisiana Supreme Court; the leadership of the LSBA; the many JLAP mentors who work on a daily basis with those lawyers and judges in our JLAP program; and everyone who provided input of any kind to the above referred to national team of auditors.

Finally, I welcome our incoming President Larry Shea and our returning and new Board members. I know they, in close working relationship with Buddy, will provide outstanding leadership as JLAP achieves even greater successes in the years to come. Thank you for the honor to serve as President of JLAP.



Mark C. Surprenant receiving the LSBA's President's Award at the 75th Annual LSBA/LJC Joint Summer School Meeting in 2016. Mr. Surprenant was recognized for his efforts in the implementation of the Access to Justice Intern Program and the Reentry Program and as chair of the Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program, Inc.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



BUDDY STOCKWELL

It is with tremendous gratitude that JLAP produces its 2018 Summer Newsletter. JLAP continues to reach new heights each year in saving lives via highly specialized peer-support professionals' programming services. And while there is a lot of exciting news this summer, my message here is focused on milestones in JLAP leadership, and thanks to JLAP's fantastic Board of Directors.

First, I want to express a special thanks to Mark Surprenant of New Orleans. He just rotated off the JLAP Board after serving an extremely active three-year term as President, all while JLAP navigated the most complex transformation in its entire history. To succeed in advancing to top-tier status, JLAP needed a leader with exceptional character, courage, and compassion, and Mark is a true godsend. He invested a *stunning* amount of volunteer time and talent to JLAP at a time it needed it most. His dedication, generosity and guidance were critical to JLAP's success in reaching new levels of excellence. We all owe Mark an enormous debt of gratitude, and I can say that I have never encountered a finer professional or person than Mark.

Second, as Mark rotates out, we welcome new JLAP Board President, Larry Shea of Shreveport. Larry is a super-talented leader and his record of volunteer service to the profession is extraordinary. A full description of his leadership roles alone, including a term as LSBA President, would fill this entire newsletter. Larry has been a longtime supporter of JLAP's mission going all the way back to its 1980's roots wherein Larry's Shreveport colleague, Edwin L. Blewer, Jr. (deceased), was a founder of the LSBA's Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. I know that Ed would be deeply grateful and proud that his hometown friend and colleague, Larry Shea, is taking on the role of JLAP President.

Third, and finally, JLAP is extremely grateful for all of its exceptional Board Members. For the new fiscal year, and in addition to Larry Shea, JLAP's Board includes: LSBA President-Elect Bob Kutcher; Senior Federal Eastern District Judge Ivan Lemelle; New Orleans Civil District Court Judge Rachael Johnson; LSBA Leadership Member "Hap" Martin; and, longtime JLAP Board volunteers and JLAP Monitors Don Massey and Professor Dian Tooley-Knoblett. As such, JLAP's current Board is a wonderful mixture of gifted professionals who provide a diversity of wisdom and input from the LSBA, Judiciary, Law Schools, and the Recovery Community in our legal profession.

Whenever you encounter any of these very special people, please go out of your way to sincerely thank them for their fantastic support and service to JLAP. Due to all of our collective efforts, JLAP is saving more lives and careers than we ever dreamed possible!

LAWYER SUPPORT GROUPS

The profession receives indispensable support from the 12-Step lawyer groups around the state. These groups provide an instrumental resource to lawyers and judges in recovery from alcoholism and addiction.

BATON ROUGE

Tuesdays at Noon
The City Club

355 North Blvd., Baton Rouge
Contact: Jim Clary, Jr. (225) 933-4578

Thursdays at Noon
Bocage Racquet Club

7600 Jefferson Hwy., Baton Rouge
Contact: George Pierson (225) 293-4560

Fridays at Noon
O'Brien House

446 N 12th Street, Baton Rouge
Contact: Keetsie Gunnels (225) 362-7040

LAFAYETTE

Wednesdays at Noon
Guilbeau & Robideaux

106 West Congress Street, Lafayette
Contacts: Jim Lambert (337) 261-3737
Tommy Guilbeau (337) 232-7240

MANDEVILLE (NEW!)

Thursdays at noon
Mi Mamacita's Restaurant

2345 Florida Street, Mandeville
Contact: Andre Toce (337) 739-2635

NEW ORLEANS

Wednesdays at noon
P&G Restaurant

345 Baronne Street, New Orleans
(Private room in back of restaurant.)
Contact: Don Massey (504) 430-6276

SHREVEPORT

Tuesdays at noon
Highland Baptist Church

520 Olive Street, Shreveport
Contact: Steven Thomas (318) 465-7001

JLAP'S LAW SCHOOL INITIATIVES

Recent studies have shown that law students and young lawyers are experiencing unprecedented rates of alcohol and drug abuse problems. In professional schools, such as law and medicine, there has been a significant increase in students abusing amphetamine drugs, like *Adderall*, to try and study longer and gain an edge. Alcohol abuse and binge drinking are also a prominent part of law student culture.

And law students are not alone. It is shocking to learn that young people in general are dying from alcoholism at alarmingly increased rates.

According to a June 2018 study published in the BMJ by Dr. Elliott Tapper and Dr. Neehar Parikh (liver specialists and assistant professors of medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School), fatal liver disease has risen, and young people have been hit the hardest. The number of 25 to 34-year-olds who died annually from alcohol-related liver disease **nearly tripled** between 1999 and 2016.¹

Dr. Parikh theorizes that the increase "correlates with the global financial crisis" and that "there may be a loss of opportunity, and the psychological burden that comes with that may have driven some of those [young] patients to abusive drinking."

The experts agree that alcohol-related liver cirrhosis used to be considered a disease that would happen after 30 years of heavy alcohol consumption, but the BMJ study demonstrates that these problems are now occurring in individuals in their 20s and 30s. As such, the alarming new trend of youths-at-risk is taking place not just within the ranks of law students and young lawyers but within the general population as well.

While a lot of unanswered questions remain as to why young people are at such peril, one thing is crystal clear: of all the stakeholders and populations that JLAP currently serves, law students are a high priority. It is JLAP's mission to help ensure that they are fully informed about wellness, mindfulness, and the duty of self-care.

A myriad of JLAP's professional clinical services are available to law schools at no charge, such as:

- ◆ JLAP wellness presentations to the student body via a JLAP and/or a JLAP-hosted national expert on various topics on law student and lawyer wellness.
- ◆ JLAP presentations in individual professionalism classes.
- ◆ JLAP-hosted "Lunch and Learn" sessions with faculty, staff and anyone who has direct contact with law students to provide education on law student mental health.
- ◆ JLAP training to help foster a comfortable and confident line of communication between law school faculty and JLAP.
- ◆ JLAP-facilitated meditation and mindfulness courses that encourage student self-care and the development of healthy wellness habits.
- ◆ JLAP office hours wherein a JLAP professional counselor travels to the school and offers free, onsite confidential professional clinical support to individual students.
- ◆ The encouragement of responsible alcohol use via "drink tickets" at law school functions.
- ◆ Collection of student feedback regarding well-being and mental health to help identify ongoing needs of students.
- ◆ Promotion of law student access to JLAP's Lawyer-only 12-Step meetings as needed.
- ◆ Promotion of student mental health newsletters that encourage appropriate self-care during law school and after they become a licensed attorney.
- ◆ Help in reducing stigmas associated with mental health issues and a need for self-care.

JLAP has reached out to all four law schools in Louisiana and offered its extensive services, and JLAP is now providing many of the recommended services to the various schools. Together we are making a difference and providing law students and faculty with the tools that they need to promote student Wellness.

¹ <https://www.bmj.com/content/362/bmj.k2817>

ABA LAUNCHES NEW WELL-BEING TOOLKIT FOR LAWYERS AND LEGAL EMPLOYERS

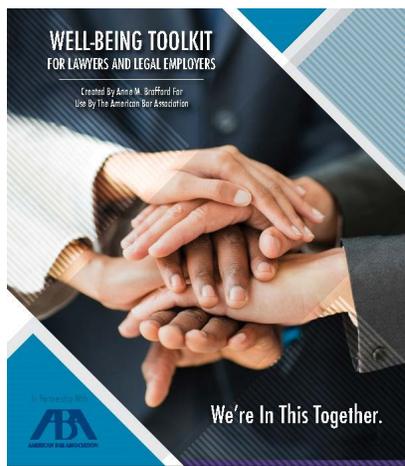
State Lawyers Assistance Programs (LAPs), like JLAP, have been dedicated to supporting Wellness and Mental Health initiatives in the legal profession for three decades now, and LAPs are the established experts in the field of supporting and assisting lawyers.

In the last three years, State LAPs have witnessed a new and positive trend: the broader profession has now recognized the need to support lawyer wellness across the entire spectrum, all the way from promoting wellness for everyone to addressing mental health problems that individuals have fallen victim to.

It was in February of 2016 that the ABA study “*The Prevalence of Substance Use and Other Mental Health Concerns Among American Attorneys*” was published, confirming what LAPs already knew: the legal profession suffers striking rates of depression, alcoholism, addiction, anxiety, and burnout, etc.

In response to the 2016 study, the ABA published the “Path to Lawyer Well-Being” report in August of 2017, with specific recommendations to all stakeholders in the profession. The mission: turn our legal culture toward making self-care and wellness a real priority. It’s a tall order. Legal professionals are driven and competitive by nature to the point that self-sacrifice is the norm beginning with law school.

And now, in August of 2018, comes the ABA’s “Well-Being Toolkit for Lawyers and Legal Professionals.”



The toolkit covers topics such as:

- ***The Definition of Lawyer Wellbeing***
- ***The Definition of a Healthy Workplace***
- ***8-Step Action Plan for Legal Employers***
- ***Policies and Practice Audit***
- ***Activities and Events***
- ***Education and Development***
- ***Assessments***
- ***Online Resources and Technology***

All of the ABA reports and the Well-Being Toolkit are available on JLAP’s website at www.louisianajlap.com.



Here’s the BEST news: JLAP’s professional clinical staff offers complete and CONFIDENTIAL services to Louisiana’s legal profession, including all the Wellness initiatives. JLAP’s personal clinical referrals, CLE’s, and resource materials will bring you or your law firm quickly up to speed on Wellness practices.

For years now, JLAP’s most popular presentations focus on topics such as *Compassion Fatigue* and *The Professional Duty of Self-Care*. JLAP’s professional staff also conducts meditation training at law schools and the LSBA’s Summer School. And of course, as always, if someone develops a mental health or substance abuse problem and it’s an issue that needs more than Wellness tools, JLAP provides CONFIDENTIAL support that is highly specialized to meet the needs of lawyers.

FIRST ANNUAL CAMP JLAP: *"We're better together!"*



Don M, Buddy S and Andre T
Enjoying the Fellowship of Camp JLAP.

We are very excited to report that JLAP has produced its first-annual statewide "Camp JLAP" weekend retreat exclusively for the population of JLAP's legal professionals in recovery, and also members of the LSBA Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CADA) who actively volunteer to support JLAP's services. The event took place July 13 through 15, 2018, at the beautiful and secluded Episcopal "Solomon Retreat" near Robert, Louisiana.

The concept of a JLAP recovery-based "Camp" retreat originated years ago at the Tennessee LAP (TLAP). Several state LAPs have now added such a program to their annual agenda. The purpose is to connect and energize legal professionals who support each other in recovery from addiction or other mental health issues. The program also supports healthy habits to better balance stressful lives.

The retreat provided an extremely relaxed and informal weekend that combined educational programming about JLAP services and recovery, fun events that facilitated healthy and meaningful group interaction, and serious downtime wherein folks relaxed, made new friends, and enjoyed recovery fellowship and mindfulness in a quiet, picturesque setting.

This style of event is extremely effective in facilitating and supporting our most important foundational element: "Lawyers Helping Lawyers." Professionals' peer-support programming through JLAP is the model for reliable and successful assessments, treatment, monitoring and long-term recovery. Whether someone is in law school, practicing law, or serving on the bench, if that person develops a sense of isolation, it can generate problems with depression, alcoholism, drug addiction and other issues.

A genuine and honest acceptance of one's needs, and a renewed reconnection with other peers who have walked the same path, helps to eradicate isolation. We learned this from the medical profession. Doctors learned early-on that they respond best when treated in a milieu of other doctors. High-functioning professionals, such as doctors and lawyers, experience great emotional pain when they encounter a mental health issue that they can't solve themselves.

Professionals must overcome not only the mental health disease but also the guilt and shame they may be experiencing. The best medicine is learning from, and sharing with, other peers who are experiencing the same challenges. Community with other peers is very effective in facilitating a shift away from dogged self-sufficiency and isolation, and instead toward openly accepting the situation and receiving strength through community and connection with others.

The larger and more-connected the JLAP community, the greater the foundational strength of recovery in Louisiana's legal profession. Camp JLAP is the perfect way to bring our entire statewide network of peer-professionals together and reinforce our personal and professional bonds in recovery.

This year's Camp JLAP was informal, but that does not mean it was without impressive planning and substance. The event was clinically and financially supported by many of the JLAP-approved professionals' track treatment providers from across the nation. Experts came from as far away as Atlanta, Chicago, and Tennessee. Many of them hosted exhibits and provided nationally-recognized speakers. Camp JLAP was a state-of-the-art event, all while keeping the cost of attendance to a minimum. For those under severe financial hardship, JLAP provided scholarships so that everyone who wanted to be there could make it.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF FEEDBACK FROM ATTENDEES:

"..This was my first experience with lawyers in recovery and the first time I've been with lawyers in several years, I felt welcome and included and I felt like a lawyer for the first time in a really long time. "

"Loved the weekend and am excited about next year."

"Everything was wonderful. For me, mindfulness is my goal. And the atmosphere was perfect for that. Thank you!"

"I really enjoyed the program. The place was beautiful and reasonably priced."

"I could not recommend Camp JLAP more. This program was extremely helpful in providing info relevant to my current status in the legal community. The ability to fellowship as well with lawyers in recovery was also very helpful."

"I plan to make it an annual event."

JLAP is extremely grateful for the tremendous success of its first Camp JLAP and the planning for a 2019 Camp JLAP is already underway! Be sure to mark your calendars ... June 28 - 30, 2019!



Solomon Episcopal Conference Center - Loranger, LA
Top Photo - 12-acre lake on 200 wooded acres
Bottom Photo - Chapel of the Holy Cross where we held morning meditations.

JLAP's MONITORING PROGRAM SUCCESS RECOGNIZED AS "PROFOUNDLY IMPORTANT" TO THE MEDICAL FIELD

During JLAP's transition into a genuine "professionals' program" it has been extremely fortunate to interact with, and be advised by, some of the most prominent and accomplished doctors in the nation. In the highly-specialized realm of establishing clinical standards for licensed professionals, JLAP has benefitted from the 2015 Audit Team leaders, Dr. Lynn Hankes and Dr. Martha Brown who are icons in professionals' programming. Their support helped JLAP reach unprecedented levels of success in supporting long-term alcoholism and addiction recovery.

More and more leaders in the medical profession are taking notice of JLAP's success rates. After learning about JLAP's no-relapse success rates of greater than 90% annually, Dr. Daniel Angres of Chicago's Positive Sobriety Institute ("PSI") recently inquired about Louisiana JLAP's winning recipe for recovery success.

Dr. Angres has been a top, nationally-recognized expert in addiction and dual disorders evaluation and treatment medicine with a specialty in working with addicted professionals for 30 years, and he lectures at major academic medical centers across the USA. His work has helped change the field of addiction treatment methods and outcomes. He has also been published in peer reviewed journals, referenced by other leaders, and has authored three ground-breaking books on the subject of chemical dependency, addiction treatment and recovery including, "Healing the Healer", "Miswired", and "Positive Sobriety." He is active in teaching and research in Chicago and is an Adjunct Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.



Daniel H. Angres, MD
Medical Director - Positive Sobriety Institute,
Chief Medical Officer - RiverMend Health,
Chicago, Illinois

In a recent visit to Chicago, JLAP's Executive Director, Buddy Stockwell, was very appreciative for the opportunity to sit down with Dr. Angres personally and share JLAP's journey. Dr. Angres published an article about JLAP. Here is Dr. Angres' introduction to the JLAP article:

"As the founder and medical director of Positive Sobriety Institute, I've worked with professionals in safety-sensitive professions such as healthcare and the law for 35 years. I can say without reserve that the work being done by Buddy Stockwell, executive director of the Louisiana Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program, is astounding. JLAP has demonstrated annual programming success rates as high as 97% in abstinence for the members of the legal profession who utilize their monitoring program.

JLAP clinical standards are based on best practices from physicians' health programs, which provide assessment, treatment and monitoring for physicians in recovery from alcohol and drug addiction. In published studies, physicians' health programs have a proven high rate of success in helping healthcare professionals achieve long-term sobriety and continue to practice medicine.

One of the questions we have sought to answer in the addiction medicine research is whether the high rates of success among healthcare professionals is translatable to other professions. Louisiana's JLAP has shown that they are. This is profoundly important for our field.

To help attorneys struggling with addiction understand how lawyers assistance programs can help them, Stockwell shares what attorneys entering JLAP can expect, what motivates him, and how his organization works to ensure lawyers receive the best addiction rehab."

You can access the entire article on JLAP's website at: www.louisianajlap.com/PSI.

THE FEDERATION OF STATE PHYSICIANS HEALTH PROGRAMS

As per the recommendations of Dr. Lynn Hankes and Dr. Martha Brown in the 2015 JLAP Performance Audit, each year JLAP's entire professional staff attends the Annual Conference for the Federation of State Physicians' Health Programs also known as the "FSPHP."

The FSPHP's roots reach as far back as 1958 when the issue of helping impaired physicians came into focus. Now, in 2018, the FSPHP is a highly developed national federation of State Physician's Health Programs (PHPs) that assist and monitor physicians. The FSPHP and its members are the definitive medical experts on the applicable clinical standards for the assessment, treatment and monitoring of licensed professionals who are considered "Safety Sensitive Workers" such as doctors, lawyers, and airline pilots.

JLAP's ongoing monitoring program success would simply not be possible but for utilizing the FSPHP as a resource and interacting with some of the finest addiction experts in the entire nation when it comes to treating and monitoring licensed professionals.

Other State LAPs are also now looking to the FSPHP as well to help them ensure that they are delivering the most-effective clinical services possible to their clients.

At JLAP we are forever grateful to have a resource such as the FSPHP!

JLAP 2015 PERFORMANCE AUDIT SUPPLEMENT ON "DIAGNOSTIC MONITORING"

As part of the 2015 JLAP Performance Audit, it was recommended that JLAP should offer a new category of "Diagnostic Monitoring."

In order to help facilitate JLAP's ability to effectively provide Diagnostic Monitoring, it sought a supplemental report from the 2015 Audit team experts. In February of 2018, JLAP received a Supplemental Audit Report that clearly defines Diagnostic Monitoring, identifies the precise clinical situations wherein that type of JLAP monitoring may be appropriate, and establishes the specific clinical protocols that JLAP and the participant should adhere to.

Pursuant to the experts, Diagnostic Monitoring is only applicable in cases where the person has completed an appropriate JLAP-recommended and approved clinical evaluation or assessment to reliably establish the person's current clinical situation. If Diagnostic Monitoring is indicated post-assessment, the person should then enter into a Diagnostic Monitoring Agreement with JLAP, all based upon the recommendations of the JLAP-approved clinical assessment.

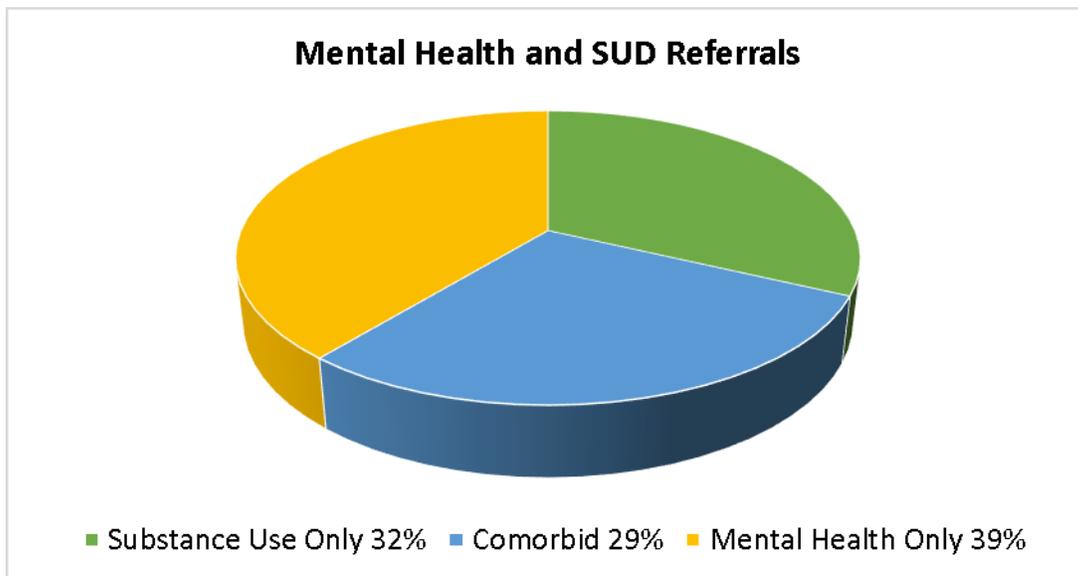
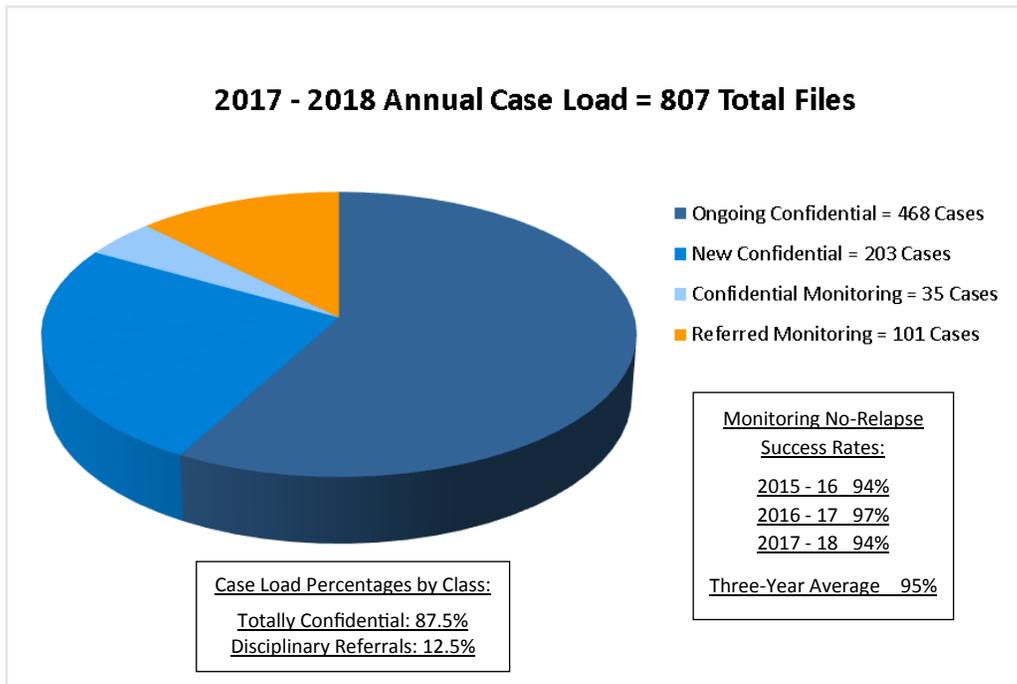
If you have questions about Diagnostic Monitoring, or any of JLAP's many services, please call JLAP at (985) 778-0571 or e-mail to jlap@louisianajlap.com

You can access the complete Supplemental Report on Diagnostic Monitoring here: www.louisianajlap.com/DiagnosticMonitoring.

JLAP BY THE NUMBERS

Every year, more and more people are confidentially taking advantage of JLAP's services. In fact, the vast majority of JLAP's work takes place behind the scenes. And for those cases that involve formal monitoring, JLAP's no-relapse success rates are among the highest in the nation.

Here is a quick overview of JLAP's performance statistics in Fiscal Year July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018:



JLAP BOARD UPDATE



NEW TREASURER MEMBER

Robert A. Kutcher is the managing partner in the law firm of Wagar Richard Kutcher Tygier & Luminais, LLP, in Metairie, Louisiana. His practice is divided between commercial litigation and real estate work.

Mr. Kutcher writes and speaks extensively on business entities, litigation issues, federal jurisdiction and ethics. He is a past Chairman of the Louisiana Disciplinary Board, the N.O. Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and the Louisiana Advisory Committee, U.S. Civil Rights Commission. He is currently President-elect of the Louisiana State Bar Association. Mr. Kutcher graduated from Cornell University in 1972 and received his J.D. from Loyola University (Cum Laude) in 1975. Mr. Kutcher has been designated a Super Lawyer and named to Best Lawyers, Commercial Litigation and Real Estate. For a complete list of Mr. Kutcher's extensive history of dedication and service to the profession, please visit this link: <https://www.nolacounsel.com/attorneys/robert-a-kutcher>.

NEW LAWYER MEMBERS



Clarence A. "Hap" Martin, III born in Orlando, Florida, April 19, 1955; admitted to bar, 1980, Louisiana. Education: Louisiana Tech University (B.S. Civil Engineering, 1977); Louisiana State University (J.D., 1980). Phi Delta Phi. Louisiana Section on

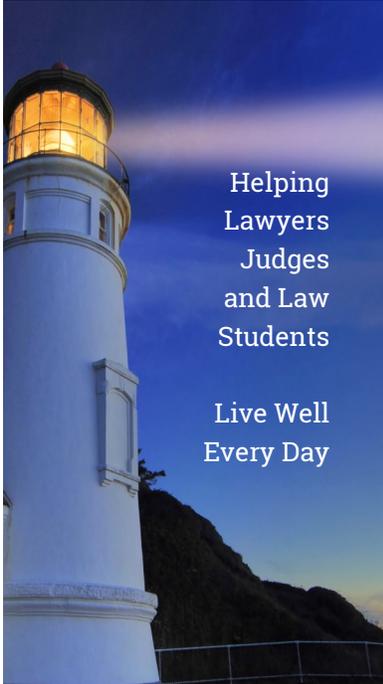
Insurance, Negligence, Compensation and Admiralty Law (Member of Executive Council 1988 – Present, Chairperson 1991-1992); Mediation Training (Basic 1996, Advanced 1998); Arbitration Training (2002). Member: Fourth Judicial District, Louisiana State and American Bar Associations; Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel; Judge Fred Fudickar Chapter of the American Inns of Court

(Sec.-Treas. 1999-2003). Practice Areas: Civil Litigation; Trial Practice; Appellate Practice; Commercial Law; Contracts; Corporate Law; Creditor Bankruptcy; Employment Law; Products Liability; Personal Injury Law; Real Estate; Mediation; Arbitration. For a complete list of Mr. Martin's extensive history of dedication and service to the profession, please visit this link: <http://www.shotwell-law.com/attorneys.htm>.



Dian Tooley-Knoblett is the Jones-Walker Distinguished Professor of Law at Loyola New Orleans College of Law. She received her J.D. from LSU's Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 1980, where she served as Executive Editor of the Louisiana Law Review and graduated Order of the Coif.

Before joining the Loyola faculty in 1984, she served as law clerk to Chief Justice John A. Dixon Jr. of the Louisiana Supreme Court and was an attorney in the legal department of Shell Oil Company. She has taught over twenty common and civil law courses at Loyola, with publications in the areas of Louisiana property, sales and leases, community property, and conflict of laws. Since 1987 she has actively participated in law reform in Louisiana by serving as a member of the Council of the Louisiana State Law Institute and as a member of over thirty law reform advisory committees that have drafted legislation, principally revisions of Louisiana's Civil Code. She is the lead editor of the tenth edition of Yiannopoulos' Civil Law Property Coursebook and is co-author of a West treatise on Louisiana Civil Law Treatise on Sales, and an Aspen coursebook on Secured Credit. For a complete list of Ms. Tooley-Knoblett's extensive history of dedication and service to the profession, please visit this link: <http://law.loyno.edu/bios/dian-tooley-knoblett>.



Helping
Lawyers
Judges
and Law
Students

Live Well
Every Day

Real Trust – Real People

JLAP's life-saving services are trustworthy and CONFIDENTIAL as a matter of law. Here are real examples of actual feedback from JLAP clients:

"I have complete confidence that the service JLAP provides is 100% confidential. Simply put, JLAP is unquestionably a trustworthy program."

"Today, I am indebted to JLAP for all of those good things that recovery brought to my life; and there are many."

"JLAP showed exemplary professionalism, kindness, excellence and dedication throughout all of my interaction with the program."

"JLAP saved my life and career. JLAP holds a very special place in my heart."



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