

Affordable...

There is no charge for e-mail/telephone consultations, referrals, or public-speaking engagements.

Payment is required for substance abuse or mental health evaluation, short-term counseling, and for those who choose to participate in the LJAP's Monitoring Program. The LJAP staff will gladly answer your questions about fees for these services. The LJAP will not deny access to its services based on an individual's ability to pay.

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STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Build on Your Strengths support your successes

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What is the LSAS?

Law Students' Assistance Service is offered by the State Bar of Michigan Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program. The LJAP has been in existence since 1979 and is one of the oldest lawyers' assistance programs in the country. Like the LJAP, the LSAS is staffed by highly experienced and skilled clinicians who wish to support your success.

Confidential...

All contact with the LSAS is completely confidential. Our policy is based on federal confidentiality guidelines, which prohibit disclosure about program participants without prior written consent.

Accessible...

The LSAS staff can be reached by telephone or e-mail, and appointments may be scheduled in the LJAP office in Lansing or near your law school campus.



Proactive...

The LSAS wants to support the success of all students and is especially well-suited to help those individuals who are worried that their history of mental health or substance abuse-related incidents may be of concern to the State Bar Standing Committee on Character and Fitness, and could lead to a district committee interview and/or standing committee hearing. Character and Fitness approval is required to become a licensed attorney in the state of Michigan, and the committee takes matters of substance abuse and mental health issues very seriously. If you have ever experienced or are currently experiencing involvement with the legal system, or have a history of substance abuse and/or mental health-related issues, the LSAS can provide substance abuse and/or mental health evaluations. They can also help you decide if involvement in the LSAS Monitoring Program is a good fit for you, and help you document your efforts to proactively address these issues.

Accommodating...

In addition to answering your questions about character and fitness and other issues and offering short-term counseling and/or referral, we are happy to provide educational presentations for your class or student organization on a range of subjects including, but not limited to, general wellness/stress management, adjustment to the law school environment, risks of substance abuse and other compulsive behaviors for law students, and ways to keep relationships healthy and strong despite the demands of law school.