



## About TLAP Confidentiality

The Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program (TLAP) does not share any information from an attorney, law student, or judge seeking help from TLAP with non-TLAP third parties, the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Board of Law Examiners, the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel (CDC), or any other disciplinary agency or entity. TLAP keeps all communications confidential pursuant to statutory confidentiality granted by the Texas Health and Safety Code Section 467 except in very rare circumstances to prevent death or serious harm to a person or where required by law for child or elder abuse. TLAP is staffed by attorneys who have spent many years struggling with addiction and depression, and our team would go to any length to protect the people we care about most: those seeking help! If there is any fear of consequences in calling TLAP, we encourage those in need to call us anonymously—we can help.

### **Memorandum of Understanding Regarding TLAP Confidentiality, the State Bar of Texas, and the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel**

To whom it may concern,

Lawyers, law students, and judges must be able to avail themselves of the help frequently needed for mental health and substance use issues without fear or hesitation. In that spirit, the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel (CDC) and the State Bar of Texas want to assure all lawyers, law students, and judges that the CDC and the State Bar of Texas adhere to and support the Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program's commitment to confidentiality above and will not seek confidential information from TLAP. We firmly stand behind the principle that ["it's good to get help."](#) (click hyperlink for more)

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