

**KENTUCKY BAR ASSOCIATION
RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF KENTUCKY
PRACTICE OF LAW**

SCR 3.910 Kentucky Lawyer Assistance Program (KYLAP)

(1) There is hereby established a state-wide program to be called the Kentucky Lawyer Assistance Program (or “KYLAP”), which shall be operated by the Association in accordance with these Rules. It shall be the mission and purpose of KYLAP to address impairment issues within the Kentucky legal community in a manner that serves and promotes the general mission and purpose of the Association as set forth in SCR 3.025.

(2) KYLAP shall offer certain types of assistance as described in this Rule to members of the Kentucky legal community who suffer from actual or potential impairment, and may proceed to provide such assistance to any member of the said community as requested or authorized. The types of assistance offered and provided by KYLAP in a particular case may include lay counseling and encouragement; assisting, planning and execution of interventions; providing information about treatment alternatives; monitoring progress of recovery from impairment, which may include assistance in arranging, scheduling and tracking attendance at recovery programs, appointments with counselors, therapists and medical care providers and compliance with alcohol or drug screens; monitoring compliance with voluntary or involuntary treatment or recovery programs, which may include documentation and reports concerning compliance or non-compliance; obtaining authorizations in conformity with federal and state law; and other related tasks that may assist a member of the said community in addressing an actual or potential impairment; provided, however, that KYLAP shall perform the aforesaid types of assistance in such a manner that KYLAP’s staff does not render legal or medical advice and does not engage in any activity which constitutes the practice of law or medicine.

(3) KYLAP shall develop and present educational programs for the Kentucky legal community regarding issues of impairment and shall pursue other appropriate opportunities to increase awareness and understanding of such matters and cultivate an environment in which issues of impairment are properly addressed.

(4) KYLAP shall serve as a resource within the Association with respect to matters of impairment, so that all functions and activities of the Association may benefit from KYLAP’s information and expertise in matters of impairment.

(5) KYLAP may engage in other activities consistent with these Rules and as authorized by the operating policies and procedures adopted by the KYLAP Commission.

(6) KYLAP shall perform all of the aforementioned duties in a manner consistent with the confidentiality provisions of Rule 3.990.

(7) KYLAP shall be funded from the annual dues collected by the Association pursuant to these Rules. KYLAP may also charge reasonable and appropriate fees for services rendered and accept monetary gifts in support of its activities, to the extent authorized by the KYLAP Commission and approved by the Board.

(8) KYLAP may, with the approval of the Board, establish such non-profit tax exempt foundations as are necessary for the purpose of carrying out its mission, including furnishing financial assistance in the form of loans for the purpose of obtaining treatment for their impairment to members of the legal community.

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