

How did LCL Start?

Nevada formed its LCL chapter in 1981. Members meet regularly in Las Vegas, Reno and Carson City. At LCL meetings, lawyers who suspect that their drinking and/or drug use may be getting out of hand can come in and discuss their situations in total confidence. The only requirement for attendance is a desire to stop drinking or using. The Nevada LCL is completely autonomous, although members often attend meetings at other LCL chapters throughout the United States and Canada. The groups can refer newcomers to rehabilitation facilities or counselors when necessary. The emphasis is on recovery from chemical abuse, drugs or alcohol.

The unique value of profession-only organizations such as LCL is that they provide the hesitant practitioner a secure and confidential starting point for his or her recovery, and later, the continuing support of peers who have traveled the same road. LCL is not connected with any disciplinary process and is free of charge. It is comprised of fellow attorneys who care and understand. Members and friends of the bar who wish to contact LCL may call the 24-hour confidential help line toll-free at **1-866-828-0022**. Be assured of complete confidentiality when you call the number.

Does the program involve disciplinary action?

NO. The committee decided early that it should not and could not be an arm or a substitute for the function of the State Bar of Nevada disciplinary committees. One of the goals of the program is to provide a resource to impaired lawyers before a situation reaches the point of becoming a disciplinary matter for the State Bar of Nevada.



Is it confidential?

YES. Every substance abuse program reviewed nationwide strongly recommended that the highest degree of confidentiality be maintained in order for the program to be effective. Therefore, the program is set up to be confidential so that fellow practitioners, judges, spouses, family members or friends can refer a suspected impaired lawyer to the program without fear that the referral will become the subject of a disciplinary proceeding.

In the Nevada Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers, program matters learned or developed in the course of the program will have the same level of confidentiality as exists in any lawyer/client relationship.

How does the program work?

Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers is an all-volunteer program. When a call is received, it will be directed to volunteer members of the legal profession who have been trained in intervention and counseling: people who understand. Call toll-free at **1-866-828-0022**.

How can I help?

MAKE THE CALL FOR CONFIDENTIAL HELP.

VOLUNTEER. If you are a lawyer or judge and are interested in working with the program, call for more information.

Toll-Free **866-828-0022**

Or **775-322-2154**

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A LAWYER YOU KNOW MAY HAVE TROUBLE PASSING THIS BAR



ONLY A CONCERNED PERSON CAN HELP AN ALCOHOLIC OR DRUG ABUSER. IF YOU CARE, YOU CAN HELP.

If you have a friend in the legal profession, a lawyer or a judge, who's in danger because of alcohol and drug abuse, you don't have an alternative. You're involved. And that's hard.

Because what truly helps isn't sympathy. You have to be firm. And tough. And make a decision to help. It won't be easy, but there's help for you – and for your friend. Call toll-free at 1-866-828-0022. **Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers** is a confidential program to assist those in the legal profession with any type of substance abuse problem. Call in complete confidence for advice, referral assistance, or individual telephone counseling.

But the program can't help until you call. Don't wait. If you're concerned for your friend, call NOW for confidential help.



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THE NEED:

More than 15 million Americans suffer from alcohol abuse. Millions more are affected by drugs. Records show that a high percentage of these individuals are professionals, including lawyers and judges.

This is not an individual problem. It affects spouses, clients, friends, associates and the legal system as well.

A lawyer or judge who has a problem with alcohol or drug abuse can recover by getting help. Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers is a voluntary organization, made up of lawyers, that assists substance abusers in obtaining help, and counsels them, their friends, families and colleagues confidentially and professionally.

The good news is that a person who seeks help or gets help has an excellent chance of recovering. Alcoholism and drug addiction are treatable illnesses, but they require help, understanding and courage.

Call today. Without help, alcohol and drug abuse can only get worse. Don't ignore the problem – be part of the solution.

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