



The State Bar of California

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In accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6238, which directs the Oversight Committee of the Lawyer Assistance Program (LAP) to submit a report each year to the Board of Trustees and the Legislature on the operation of the LAP, including key program statistics, the State Bar of California has submitted the report to the Legislature.

The following summary of the report is submitted in accordance with the requirements of Government Code section 9795.

During 2021:

- The number of new intakes totaled 192, an increase of 36 percent compared to the 141 new intakes in 2020. This is the largest one-year percentage increase in the LAP's history.
- There was an average of 165 active participants enrolled in the LAP over the course of 2021.
- Of the 174 cases closed, 34 percent were closed with participants meeting their stated program goals, 9 percent were not admitted, and only one participant was terminated from the LAP in 2021.
- Almost half (46 percent) of participants presented with concerns about both a substance use and a mental health problem at the time of intake. Twenty-two percent of participants presented with symptoms of a substance use disorder and 32 percent enrolled for solely mental health concerns.
- Use of the Transition Assistance Services (TAS) numbers increased 17 percent, with 178 individuals using the service in 2021. The TAS provides two free remote individual or career counseling sessions.
- The LAP provided a total of 84 educational and Minimum Continuing Legal Education presentations: 19 presentations were for law schools and 65 were for bar associations, law firms, government agencies, and other organizations.

The full report is available for download on the State Bar's website at:

<http://www.calbar.ca.gov/About-Us/Reports>. A printed copy of the report may be obtained by calling 213-765-1190.