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2018

Next Generation:  
Changing the Culture of the  
Legal Profession

LAWYERS HELPING LAWYERS IN CHARLESTON

SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2018  
FRANCIS MARION HOTEL  
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

# 3 WAYS TO REGISTER

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

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### ATTENDEE REGISTRATION FEES

(Attendee registration fee includes all conference sessions, Tuesday Welcome Reception, breakfast and lunch on Wednesday and Thursday, Wednesday evening Dessert Reception and multiple coffee breaks.)

(Early rates apply to registrations received by 8/3/18)

	Early/Late		
ABA Member	\$400/\$450	\$	_____
Non-ABA Member	\$450/\$500	\$	_____

### SPECIAL ONE-DAY REGISTRATION OPTIONS

ABA Member			
Wednesday	\$250/\$300	\$	_____
Thursday	\$250/\$300	\$	_____
Non-ABA Member			
Wednesday	\$300/\$350	\$	_____
Thursday	\$300/\$350	\$	_____

Conference Dinner    \$75    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: Dinner is **not** included in your registration fee.)

**Total Attendee Fees:**    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### GUEST REGISTRATION

(Guest registration includes the Welcome Reception on Tuesday and the Wednesday evening Dessert Reception. Attendance at Conference, sessions, breakfasts, lunches and coffee breaks are limited to Conference Attendee Registrants.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (As you would like it to appear on your badge)

Conference Dinner for guest    \$75    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Guest Fee:**    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Attendee and Guest Fees:**    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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(Advance registration closes 9/4/18)

*(Note: All registrations must include payment. Registrations received without payment, will not be processed.)*

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## DEAR FRIENDS:

On behalf of the American Bar Association's Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs (CoLAP), it is our pleasure to invite you to attend the 2018 National Conference for Lawyer Assistance Programs. The 2018 Conference is being held at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston, South Carolina. The conference will begin with a Welcome Reception and Opening of the Exhibit Hall late in the afternoon on Tuesday, September 25th and conclude Thursday evening, September 27th with the Annual Conference Dinner.

The theme for the conference is "Next Generation: Changing the Culture of the Legal Profession." The conference program includes sessions of interest to judges, disciplinary staff, bar leaders, lawyer assistance program directors and staff, law school administrators and law firm managers, as well as, abundant opportunities to network with LAP personnel and volunteers involved in lawyer assistance programs from across the U.S., Canada and the U.K.

In addition, the Conference features an Exhibit Hall of facilities from around the US and Canada that focus on treating substance use disorders, compulsive behaviors, mood disorders, and more. This is a wonderful opportunity to discover new facilities and interact face to face with the facilities you currently use.

Your participation in the 2018 National Conference is a crucial factor in the ongoing development of lawyer assistance programs. The sessions truly represent a unique opportunity to learn about issues that can have a direct impact on the legal community's well-being, and how lawyer assistance programs operate.

Please join us in making this the most dynamic and well-attended conference yet.

Sincerely,

**Shari R. Gregory, LCSW, JD**  
Conference Chair  
Oregon Attorney Assistance Program

**Beth Padgett**  
Conference Vice-Chair  
Lawyers Helping Lawyers,  
South Carolina Bar

### 2018 National Conference Planning Committee

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## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

**TUESDAY,**  
**SEPTEMBER 25, 2018**

**4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Registration and Exhibit  
Area Open**

**5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Welcome Reception**

**6:00 p.m.**  
**Dinner on your own**

**8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**  
**Open 12 Step Meeting**

**8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**  
**Al-Anon Meeting**

**WEDNESDAY,**  
**SEPTEMBER 26, 2018**

**7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**  
**Open 12 Step Meeting**

**7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**  
**Yoga Session** *Sponsored by  
Chopra Addiction and Wellness Center*

**8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
**Registration and Exhibit  
Hall Open**

**8:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.**  
**Continental Breakfast in the  
Exhibit Area**

**9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**  
**Orientation/Welcome Remarks**  
**Bree Buchanan**, Chair, ABA Commission on Lawyer  
Assistance Programs  
**Chief Justice Donald W. Beatty**  
South Carolina Supreme Court  
**M. Dawes Cooke, Jr.**  
Barnwell Whaley, Member Attorney  
President, South Carolina Bar  
**William John Kane**  
Director, New Jersey Lawyers Assistance Program  
**Michael B. Moore**  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Charleston International African American Museum

**10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.**  
**LAP Roll Call**  
Staff of LAP programs will be introduced and the program's best achievements, works in progress and major initiatives will be highlighted via power point presentation.

**Facilitators:**

**Barbara Ezyk**, Executive Director, Colorado Lawyer Assistance Program

**Tish Vincent**, Program Administrator, Michigan Lawyers & Judges Assistance Program

**11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.**

**Crafting Law Firm Culture: How Can Law Firms and Legal Employers Create Organizations that Prioritize Well-Being?**

The report from the ABA's National Task Force on Lawyer Well-Being identified legal employers as one of the primary stakeholders in the effort to reinforce the importance of well-being when it comes to competence and excellence in practicing law. This program will explore how to create law firm cultures that promote well-being, and by so doing, achieve excellence in providing legal services. The program will also explore the myth that a firm, or organization, needs to sacrifice financial profit in order to promote the well-being of its attorneys and staff.

**Speakers:**

**Mike Ethridge**, JD, Ethridge Law Group

**Lisa Smith**, JD, Patterson, Belknap, Webb, & Tyler, LLP

**Eileen Travis**, LCSW, Director, New York City Bar Association Lawyer Assistance Program

**12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

**Lunch with the Exhibitors and Exhibitors Roll Call**

Facilities participating in this year's Conference Expo will be highlighted via PowerPoint presentation and representatives will be introduced.

**1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**How Trauma-Informed Care Can Benefit LAP Clients**

Presenters will share personal experiences with trauma-informed care and how that can lead to the path of recovery. Attendees will learn how to identify LAP clients who may benefit from delving into their history of trauma to remove the barriers and obstacles to long term recovery.

**Speakers:**

**Laurie Besden**, JD, Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers of Pennsylvania, Inc.

**Jennifer Zampogna**, MD, Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers of Pennsylvania, Inc.

**3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

**Refreshment Break in the Exhibit Hall**

**3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.**

**THREE CONCURRENT SESSIONS****SESSION 1****Difficult Personality Traits Made Easy: How to Work Well with Others Who Challenge You**

This presentation will identify typical difficult personality traits, whether or not full-blown personality disorders, that create obstacles in working with others. The focus will be on easily applicable techniques for dealing with people with perceived difficult personalities whether they be clients, staff or colleagues. Speakers will provide tips, insights and coping strategies for effectively helping people face their presenting issues without burning out.

**Speakers:**

**Douglas Querin**, Attorney Counselor, Oregon Attorney Assistance Program

**Stuart Rechnitzer**, Centre intégré universitaire de santé et de services sociaux de l'Est-de-l'Île-de-Montréal

**SESSION 2****Professionals Track In-patient Treatment and Post-Treatment LAP Monitoring: Teamwork Creates Highly Reliable Outcomes**

This session provides information on best practices for Lawyers Assistance Programs (LAPs) and Professionals' Track Treatment Centers (PTTC) relationships resulting in reliable recovery outcomes. Effective treatment benefits the impaired professional, and successful long-term no-relapse rates demonstrate that substance use disorders can be reliably overcome to support the public's trust in lawyers and judges in recovery. PTTCs and LAPs with expertise in monitoring can work together effectively to support the professional in accomplishing these goals. This session will provide specific information on established protocols, procedures and clinical standards in both treatment and monitoring that have proven success rates that meet the needs of lawyers, judges, and law students in demonstrating reliable recovery and fitness-to-practice. This session will provide LAP staff and attorneys who regularly represent judges and lawyers in grievance matters, and bar applicants in character and fitness issues, related to substance use disorders, a better understanding of how Professionals' Track Treatment Centers and lawyer assistance programs can better serve their clients, enabling them to be productive members of the profession.

**Speakers:**

**Gregory Skipper**, MD, Professional Treatment Program

**Joseph (Buddy) Stockwell**, JD, Executive Director, Louisiana Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program, Inc.

**SESSION 3****Reward Deficiency Syndrome, Hypoglycemia and Why I Like Dessert Receptions**

The Reward Deficiency Syndrome explains the genetic factors in alcoholism, addiction and other compulsive behaviors, as well as how we can treat this from a natural and holistic approach. This presentation will show the pivotal role of dopamine in a balanced and happy brain, the genetic and epigenetic factors involved in compulsive behaviors, as well as natural interventions to address these issues. The Hypoglycemia portion looks at the connection of sugar and relapse. It shows how sugar affects will power and decision making and how from a neurochemical standpoint it increases stress and cravings.

**Speakers:**

**Lyle Fried**, CAP, ICADC, Chief Executive Director, The Shores Treatment and Recovery

**Thomas Roman**, JD, Community Liaison, The Shores Treatment and Recovery

**5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.**

**Meditation Session - Sponsored by Chopra Addiction and Wellness Center**

**6:00 p.m. Dinner on your own**

**8:15 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.**

### **CoLAP Dessert Reception**

Join your colleagues for dessert as our local hosts teach us how to do The Carolina Shag. The Carolina Shag can best be described as a simple, quick social dance that makes sure no one is a stranger and everyone is having a great time.

**9:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Open 12 Step Meeting**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018**

**7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.**

### **Open 12 Step Meeting**

**7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.**

**Yoga** *Sponsored by Chopra Addiction and Wellness Center*

**8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

### **Registration and Exhibit Hall Open**

**8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

### **Breakfast Topics**

**9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

## **THREE CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

### **SESSION 1**

#### **Effectively Counseling Clients Experiencing Grief and Loss**

Loss is something we all experience, but our culture(s) often encourage us to avoid “experiencing” it. What is normal is pathologized and grievers wonder if there is a “right” way to grieve. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross and her five stages were long held up as the standard model for working through loss. Fortunately, “one size fits all” models are no longer standard. In this workshop, we will focus on understanding the grief experience including interesting research on resilience and post traumatic growth. We will also discuss the elements of a psycho-educational/support group for lawyers.

#### **Speaker:**

**Michael Kahn**, JD, LPC, ReelTime Creative Learning Experiences, *Sponsored by The Farley Center, Williamsburg, VA and Recovery Trek, Norfolk, VA*

### **SESSION 2**

#### **Alternatives in Treatment**

Research reveals the vast potential for alternative treatment methods to effectively address several aspects related to addiction. This panel discussion will feature clinicians from The Chopra Center and JourneyPure: two cutting-edge treatment facilities that implement a holistic, mind-body approach. Participants will explore Ayurveda and the use of expressive therapies such as music, art and psychodrama. Clinical examples will demonstrate how these unique approaches restore balance, enhance emotional expression, and cultivate a lifestyle conducive to recovery. Participants will leave this session with a better understanding of current therapies which will allow them to better serve their clients, whether in a LAP setting or representing judges and lawyers in grievance matters and bar applicants dealing with character and fitness issues.

#### **Speakers:**

**Erin Aubrey**, Music Therapist, JourneyPure, Sponsored by Journey Pure, Murfreesboro, TN

**Phil Hemdon**, Clinical Director, Men’s Professional Program, JourneyPure, *Sponsored by Journey Pure, Murfreesboro, TN*

**Nirmala Raniga**, Founder, Chopra Addiction and Wellness Center, *Sponsored by Chopra Addiction & Wellness Center, Brackendale, BC*  
**Tamara Roth**, Clinical Director, Women’s Professional Program, JourneyPure, *Sponsored by Journey Pure, Murfreesboro, TN*

### **SESSION 3**

#### **Character & Fitness Investigations: Part of the Problem or Part of the Solution?**

The character and fitness evaluation process is critically important as each State Bar evaluates the next generation of lawyers. Deans of Students have an important role in reporting issues of concern relating to character and fitness problems in law schools. However, many law students report that they do not seek out assistance for problems with drugs, alcohol or mental health specifically because of a fear of having to report counseling or other services to the bar. The character and fitness process and in particular the questions that bar examiners ask of our graduates, may therefore discourage the very services that we would recommend to law students under stress. Federal litigation under the ADA has challenged bar examiners to revise some of the key questions on mental health, but the debate as to fair and appropriate character and fitness questions continues. Join us for a discussion with law school deans of students, bar examiners, and advocates as we consider the impact of the National Task Force on Lawyer Well-Being on the character and fitness review process.

#### **Speakers:**

**Janet Stearns**, Dean of Students and Lecturer of Law, University of Miami Law School

**Sondra Tennessee**, Associate Dean for Student Affairs, University of Houston Law Center

**Matthew Samuelson**, Director of Test Operations, National Conference of Bar Examiners

**10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

### **Refreshment Break in the Exhibit Hall**

**11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

## **THREE CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

### **SESSION 1**

#### **Hero’s Journey of Adult ADHD in Psychoeducation Groups**

This presentation will explain adult ADHD and examine how to integrate Joseph Campbell’s Hero’s Adventure and ADHD coping skills in a psycho educational group format. The presentation will delineate the step by step process on how to make psychoeducation on Adult ADHD be engaging and therapeutic.

#### **Speakers:**

**Greg Crosby**, MA, LPC, CGP, FAGPA, Author, Transforming ADHD, *Sponsored by Bayside Marin, San Rafael, CA*

**Bryan Welch**, Attorney Counselor, Oregon Attorney Assistance Program

### **SESSION 2**

#### **Compassion Fatigue and Provider Resilience/Bouncing Back from Burnout**

In this interactive presentation, attendees will learn valuable skills regarding compassion fatigue and resilience. Compassion Fatigue is the normal physiological and emotional reaction to hearing about another person’s trauma. We, as professionals, often see it in our colleagues

before we see it in ourselves. This interactive workshop will create ways to care for ourselves while working with our clients. Attendees will be able to develop action plans for self-care and compassion given the physical, mental and emotional implications of the legal profession. Attendees will learn how to “bounce back,” thus enabling attendees to provide their clients the assistance they need in order to be productive members of the legal profession. Attendees will also learn numerous mindfulness and neuroscience-based resilience-building tools they can use to help themselves, within the LAP world and with those who regularly represent attorneys in discipline matters. As a result of their participation, attendees will be able to better understand and identify signs of compassion fatigue and burnout. They will be able to integrate new tools that will increase productivity and efficacy while building resilience to stress and professional burnout.

**Speakers:**

**Laura Mahr**, Esq., Conscious Legal Minds, LLC, *Sponsored by The Shores Treatment and Recovery, Port St. Lucie, FL*

**Jaime W. Vinck**, MC, LPC, NCC, CEIP, Chief Executive Officer, Sierra Tucson, *Sponsored by Sierra Tucson, Tucson, AZ*

**SESSION 3**

**Power in the Helping Profession: The New Rules of Engagement in the 21st Century**

Sexual harassment in the workplace has never been more publicly talked about as it is now forcing us to look at issues of gender equality and mutual respect amongst co-workers. Age-old constructs such as hierarchy and power and how they are used are being called into question. This talk will address the psychology of entitlement, power and control dynamics, new definitions of masculinity and femininity, and how to behave in the workplace.

**Speaker:**

**Alexandra Katchakis**, PhD, LMFT, Center for Healthy Sex - *Sponsored by Meadows Behavioral Healthcare, Wickenburg, AZ*

**12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

**Lunch**

**12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.**

**Wellness in “Reel Life” - What Lawyers Can Learn from the Movies About Self-Awareness and Self-Care**

The term “self-care” is a common topic in our culture. But what exactly does it mean? And if it is such a simple concept, why do so many of us struggle to practice it? Well, as one character in the film *Grand Canyon* said, “All of life’s riddles are answered in the movies.” This seminar features scenes from various well-known films, highlighting the messages (good or bad) and tips they may offer concerning a thoughtful – and most importantly, workable – understanding of wellness. Participants will leave with a greater understanding of the importance of self-care and self-awareness, and practical steps to improve their quality of life, no matter their vocation.

**Speaker:**

**Michael Kahn**, JD, LPC, ReelTime Creative Learning Experiences, *Sponsored by The Farley Center, Williamsburg, VA and Recovery Trek, Norfolk, VA*

**1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

**Refreshments Break in the Exhibit Hall**

**2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Cultivating 360 Degrees of Connection with Mindfulness**

One of the greatest resources we can offer lawyers and law school students in need of assistance is connection. In this presentation, participants will learn how mindfulness practices can cultivate safer and more satisfying inter- and intrapersonal connections. Attendees will learn the neurobiology of connection and will explore what meaningful connection feels like, and better understand how resilience grows from feeling connected to ourselves and others. In addition, participants will discuss barriers to fostering collegiality, including fear of aloneness and mistrust of others. During the workshop, participants will learn and practice tools that cultivate meaningful connection, including “mindful listening.” This training will include theory, group discussion, small group work, and opportunities for participants to practice new skills. As a result of their participation, attendees will be able to better understand how to cultivate and maintain meaningful connections within LAP organizations, with LAP clients, within the practice of law, and within themselves.

**Speaker:**

**Laura Mahr**, Esq., Conscious Legal Minds, LLC, *Sponsored by The Shores Treatment and Recovery, Port St. Lucie, FL*

**3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.**

**Refreshments Break and Prize Drawing in the Exhibit Hall**

**4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.**

**The Full Weight of the Law: How Legal Professionals Can Recognize and Rebound from Depression**

Law Students and lawyers report having a significantly higher rate of depression than the general population. When left untreated, depression can affect lawyers and their clients, families, friends and colleagues. In addition to the effects of mental health conditions on a lawyer’s personal life, depression can lead to substantial disciplinary issues that threaten an attorney’s ability to practice law. Unfortunately, for many struggling with the burden of depression, it is only when they reach their breaking point, or encounter unavoidable professional consequences, that they reach out for assistance. Many negative consequences could be avoided if the problems that cause depression in a lawyer’s life and career are resolved early. This presentation will discuss the multitude of factors that contribute to depression, how to distinguish depression from other similar mental health issues, and how those in the legal profession face unique obstacles. This session will provide attendees with knowledge of how to recognize the various ways that depression presents, effective treatment modalities for depression, and ways law schools, legal colleagues, LAPs and bar discipline can intervene to assist the effected attorney to best manage their depression.

**Speakers:**

**Jeffrey Fortgang**, PhD, LADC-A, Lawyer Concerned for Lawyers of Massachusetts

**Shawn Healy**, PhD, Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers of Massachusetts

**Katherine Myers**, JD, First Circuit Solicitor’s Office

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**Meditation - Sponsored by  
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Center**

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Annual Conference Dinner  
at The Francis Marion, Gold  
Ballroom, 2nd Floor** Dinner, Awards  
Presentation and Musical Entertainment

9:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

**Open 12 Step Meeting**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018**

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

**Conference Run/Walk**

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

**Open 12 Step Meeting**

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

**Yoga - Sponsored by Chopra  
Addiction and  
Wellness Center**

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**ABA Commission on Lawyer  
Assistance Programs Business  
Meeting**

#### CEU

The ABA Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs is a NAADAC Approved Education Provider. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for clinicians will be available.

#### CLE

States typically decide whether a program qualifies for CLE credit in their jurisdiction 4-8 weeks after the program application is submitted. For many live events, credit approval is not received prior to the program.

The ABA directly applies for and ordinarily receives credit for live, in-person programs in AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, GA, GU, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, ME, MP, MN, MS, MO, MP, MT, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, UT, VT, VI, VA, WA, WI and WV. These states sometimes do not approve credit before the program occurs. This transitional program is approved for both newly admitted and experienced attorneys in NY. Attorneys may be eligible to receive CLE credit through reciprocity or attorney self-submission in other states. For more information about CLE accreditation in your state, visit [http://www.americanbar.org/cle/mandatory\\_cle.html](http://www.americanbar.org/cle/mandatory_cle.html).

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## SPECIAL EVENTS AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

### Welcome Reception

Tuesday, September 25

Come visit with the Conference Exhibitors and learn about their facilities at this one-hour reception. This is an excellent opportunity to reconnect with old friends and meet new colleagues. The Welcome Reception begins at 5:00 p.m. and is open to all Conference attendees.

### Lunch with Conference Exhibitors

Wednesday, September 26

Enjoy lunch and the opportunity to learn about the treatment resources available for lawyers including resources for process addictions, behavioral disorders, and more! The Exhibitor Roll Call will be held during lunch.

### Dessert Reception

Wednesday, September 26

Join your colleagues for dessert as our local hosts teach us how to do The Carolina Shag. The Carolina Shag can best be described as a simple, quick social dance that makes sure no one is a stranger and everyone is having a great time.

### Breakfast Topics

Thursday, September 27

Join us at the CoLAP Café as a wide variety of breakfast topics are served. Facilitators will lead each table in an interactive discussion on the table topic. Note: There will also be tables available without topics for individuals that just want to have breakfast and talk with other attendees.

### Annual Conference Dinner

Thursday, September 27

The Annual Conference Dinner will feature a personal story of recovery by Lisa Smith. Lisa is the author of *Girl Walks Out of a Bar* and a lawyer in New York City. Sober for more than ten years, she is passionate about breaking the stigma of drug and alcohol addiction, particularly for professional women. Lisa's writing has been published in *The Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, *AfterParty Magazine*, and *Addiction.com*. She is on the Board of Directors of the NY Writers Coalition and The Writers Room in Greenwich Village. Prior to working for more than fifteen years in legal marketing, she practiced corporate finance law at a leading international law firm. After attending Northwestern University, Lisa received a JD from Rutgers School of Law, where she served on the editorial board of the *Rutgers Law Review*.

*NOTE: The cost to attend Dinner is not included in your registration fee. You must purchase a ticket to attend. Attire for the dinner is Business Casual.*

### ILAA Conference

The 2018 ILAA Annual Conference will be held September 28-30 and will also be held at the Francis Marion Hotel.

Visit [www.ILAA.org](http://www.ILAA.org) for detailed information.

## HOTEL AND TRAVEL INFORMATION

### Hotel Registration

A block of sleeping rooms has been reserved for conference attendees at the Francis Marion Hotel, located in the heart of Charleston. Room rates are \$219 per night plus tax for single/double occupancy. **The deadline to secure the negotiated room rate is Friday, August 31, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. (EST) or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first.**

You can make reservations online at <https://bit.ly/2Kmjyqe> or by calling 1-877-756-2121 and referring to the ABA CoLAP/ILAA Conference.

You will receive confirmation of your reservation directly from the hotel. Individuals with guaranteed reservations must cancel their reservation 72 hours prior to the scheduled day of arrival to avoid a one-night cancellation charge. Check-in time is 4:00 p.m. and check-out time is 12:00 noon.

### Francis Marion Hotel

387 King Street

Charleston, South Carolina 29403

843-722-0600

<http://francismarionhotel.com/>

### Charleston

To learn about the history of Charleston, discover the attractions, tours and activities available as well as dining options, visit the Charleston Convention & Visitors Bureau website at <https://www.charlestoncvb.com/>.

### Travel

The ABA has negotiated airfare discounts on American, United and Delta Airlines and car rental discounts with Hertz, Dollar and Thrifty.

To book online, go to [http://www.americanbar.org/membership/aba\\_advantage\\_discounts/hotel-and-travel.html](http://www.americanbar.org/membership/aba_advantage_discounts/hotel-and-travel.html). For offline airline reservations, call 877-833-6285.

### Ground Transportation

The Francis Marion Hotel is approximately 11 miles from Charleston International Airport (CHS), <https://www.iflychs.com>. The estimated cost of a taxi to the hotel is \$35 one way. Shuttle transportation to the Francis Marion is not available.

### Climate/Dress Code

In September, the average temperature in Charleston ranges from the low 70s to the low 80s. Be sure to check the weather channel before you leave to obtain the most current temperatures. Regardless of the outdoor temperature, it is always advisable to dress in layers so that you are comfortable in the meeting rooms.



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## KEY 2018 CONFERENCE DATES

- August 3, 2018 – Early Registration Deadline
- August 31, 2018 – Last day to obtain negotiated room rate or until block is sold-out, whichever comes first
- September 4, 2018 – Advance/Online Registration Closes
- September 5, 2018 until Conference – Onsite Registration Only
- September 11, 2018 – Conference Cancellation Deadline (refer to policy for details)

## SAVE THE DATE

2019 National Conference for Lawyer Assistance Programs  
September 24-26, 2019  
Hilton Austin Hotel  
Austin, Texas