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Re: Liaison Relationship with the ABA Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs

Dear Mr. Karpf:

I write to you on behalf of the ABA Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs (CoLAP). The Commission's mission is to assure that lawyers, law students and judges have access to support and assistance when confronting alcoholism, addiction, mental health and quality of life issues. CoLAP provides support for lawyers helping lawyers.

We have a series of committees to advance this mission, including those on education, publications and policy, as well as committee on various demographics, including senior lawyers, law students, judges and those of diverse heritage. These committees have worked with entities throughout the ABA to provide mutual benefits. For example, CoLAP's publications board has helped provide articles for several ABA publications, including themed issues for GP Solo magazine, entitled "Bumps in the Road." Also, our education committee has worked to provide and assist with programming at various ABA conferences.

As we explore every avenue to provide support for lawyers in need of assistance, I write to ask that the Family Law Section appoint a liaison to CoLAP. We believe it is particularly important for us to have a pipeline that will enable a mutual flow of information and explore opportunities for collaboration.

If I can answer any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Childers  
Chair

cc: Paula Nessel

