



Certification Matters



TBLS Donates to the Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program

In 1995, a small group of Texas lawyers confronted the grim realization that as many as two in 10 of their professional peers suffered from mental health issues, such as substance abuse and depression. However, they knew that with proper treatment and mental health care, a lawyer could be restored to a productive life and practice. Compelled by this knowledge, they created the Patrick D. Sheeran & Michael J. Crowley Memorial Trust, which provides financial help to Texas attorneys who need treatment for substance abuse, depression, and other mental health issues. The trust is administered by volunteer trustees of the Texas Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers, an organization that works closely with the Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program (TLAP) of the State Bar of Texas.

TBLS recently made a significant donation to TLAP and plans to continue to give an annual donation as long as funds allow. The program has been able to issue nearly \$150,000 in grants helping many people with therapy and recovery. According to one grant receiver, *"The Sheeran-Crowley Trust helped save my life. Not just my career, but my life."*



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