

**LAWYERS ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE WESTMORELAND BAR ASSOCIATION
CONFIDENTIALITY**

POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of the Lawyers Assistance Committee of the Westmoreland Bar Association to protect the privacy rights of all WBA Members, Committee Members, and all of our attorney colleagues by holding all information obtained during the course of the Committee's work in strict confidence and limiting the disclosure of all information.

PROCEDURES:

All Members of the Lawyers Assistance Committee of the Westmoreland Bar Association shall be required to sign a Confidentiality Agreement as attached to this Policy.

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CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

I, _____, hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the Lawyers Assistance Committee's current Confidentiality Policy Statement and Procedures, dated _____, and further, that I will comply with the policy and procedures. I understand that all Members of the Lawyers Assistance Committee are bound by this Confidentiality Agreement.

As lawyers, we are bound by the Rules of Professional Conduct. Rule 1.6 requires the lawyer to zealously protect the confidences and secrets of clients. This, of course, is a cornerstone of the legal profession. If it is not observed, it may result in injury to the client, and also contribute to a loss of trust and credibility in the legal profession. Similarly, as a member of the Lawyers Assistance Committee, I will zealously protect all information pertaining to our attorney colleagues and our work as a Committee.

It is understood that at times during my work as a Committee Member, I may wish to consult with other Committee Members about specific issues or concerns related to discussions I have had with attorney colleagues. Prior to consultation with other Committee Members regarding such specific issues, I will first obtain permission from the attorney colleague to share information.

I understand that any breach of confidentiality may result in my removal as a Member of the Lawyers Assistance Committee. I further understand that I may be asked to renew this Confidentiality Agreement annually, or at other times, during my work as a Member of the Lawyers Assistance Committee.

I pledge that I will strictly maintain the confidentiality of all information, whether it be written or unwritten, which comes to my attention as a Member of the Committee, and that upon the conclusion of my participation as a Committee Member, I will continue to maintain this confidentiality.

Date: _____

Signature
Member, Lawyers Assistance Committee
of the Westmoreland Bar Association