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I. [SCR 3.025](#): KENTUCKY BAR ASSOCIATION

The mission and purpose of the association is to maintain a proper discipline of the members of the bar in accordance with these rules and with the principles of the legal profession as a public calling, to initiate and supervise, with the approval of the court, appropriate means to insure a continuing high standard of professional competence on the part of the members of the bar, and to bear a substantial and continuing responsibility for promoting the efficiency and improvement of the judicial system.

This rule of the Kentucky Supreme Court arises from its authority under the Kentucky Constitution to govern the practice of law. [Section 116](#) states:

The Supreme Court shall have the power to prescribe rules governing its appellate jurisdiction, rules for the appointment of commissioners and other court personnel, and rules of practice and procedure for the Court of Justice. The Supreme Court shall, by rule, govern admission to the bar and the discipline of members of the bar.

The KBA Board of Governors abides by the objectives set forth in the Rules.

The programs of the Bar and its commissions and committees are used to accomplish the KBA's goals and mission. The Board is also cognizant of its responsibility to the lawyers of Kentucky as set forth in the requirements of the United States Supreme Court in [Keller v. State Bar of California](#), 496 U.S. 1 (1990) and its progeny. The Board governs the KBA in a manner consistent with those limitations. The guiding standard is whether the program or expenditure of the KBA is necessarily or reasonably incurred for the purpose of regulating the legal profession or improving the quality of the legal services available to the people of the Commonwealth. The discipline and education functions of the Bar as described below illustrate how the KBA accomplishes these goals.

II. **CLIENTS' SECURITY FUND**

The [Clients' Security Fund](#) (CSF) is a special fund created by the Supreme Court "for the purpose of providing indemnification to clients who may suffer pecuniary loss by reason of fraudulent or dishonest acts on the part of a member of the Kentucky Bar Association." [SCR 3.820](#). A percentage of the annual KBA dues supports the Fund (\$7 for active members and \$6 for judges). The Office of Bar Counsel (OBC) provides legal and administrative assistance to the Fund. Claims submitted to the Fund are adjudicated by five Trustees. These Trustees consist of lawyer and non-lawyer members and are appointed by the Board of Governors.

The Trustees typically meet twice a year to consider claims but must first decide whether a claim meets jurisdictional requirements. If jurisdiction is accepted, those claims are normally placed in abeyance pending the results of any concurrent disciplinary proceedings. Upon conclusion of the disciplinary case, the Trustees will render a final decision on the

claim. As a condition of reimbursement, the claimant must subrogate his or her claims against the lawyer to the Fund. The lawyer is liable to the Fund for restitution. The CSF has awarded over \$1.6 million in the last nine fiscal years.

III. ATTORNEY ADVERTISING

The OBC also works to support the Attorneys' Advertising Commission (AAC). The AAC consists of up to nine volunteer lawyers. [SCR 3.130\(7.02\)\(5\)](#) requires the Commission be provided with sufficient administrative assistance from time to time as may be required. The Executive Director and the Board of Governors have delegated this function to the OBC.

The AAC, with staff support of the OBC, assists lawyers by providing Advisory Opinions about whether submitted advertisements comply with the [Rules of Professional Conduct \(SCR 3.130\(7.01-7.50\)\)](#) and [AAC Regulations](#). The Commission strives to protect the public within the confines of the constraints imposed on it by the U.S. Supreme Court's interpretation of the First Amendment right of free speech, as applied to commercial speech. Its primary concern is whether advertisements may be false, deceptive, or misleading as prohibited by [SCR 3.130\(7.10\)](#).

The Supreme Court Rules do not require all advertisements of legal services to be submitted for review. However, an attorney may submit an advertisement to the AAC for an Advisory Opinion. The filing fee is \$75 for each advertisement and \$100 for advertisements over 100 pages or an audio/video advertisement more than 10 minutes long. An attorney cannot be disciplined for running an advertisement the AAC determines is compliant. Attorney advertisements include billboards, print, radio, television, websites, and yellow pages, among others.

The full Commission meets at least once a year to discuss issues regarding attorney advertising. Commissioners review requests for Advisory Opinions when needed throughout the year but always within 30 days of receipt of an Advisory Opinion request.

IV. CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION: ADVANCING THE PROFESSION THROUGH EDUCATION

A. Mission

The mission of the CLE Commission is set by Supreme Court Rule: "To initiate and supervise, with the approval of the Court, appropriate means to insure a continuing high standard of professional competence on the part of the members of the Bar." CLE Commission efforts reflect this mission through commitment to the maintenance and improvement of each member's legal competency and professional values, and commitment to a lifetime of learning, reinforcement of professional values, and skills development through CLE. These commitments are implemented through a comprehensive program of CLE regulatory activities, programming activities, and special projects aimed at reaching all Kentucky lawyers.

B. Your CLE Requirement

Each Kentucky attorney must earn and report 12 CLE credits annually, with the educational year running from July 1 to June 30. Two of those 12 credits must be accredited as ethics. The KBA CLE Commission tries to make satisfying this mandatory licensure requirement as easy and meaningful as possible by offering high quality, convenient CLE, and through our regulatory accreditation processes. There are many resources available on our website to help you with the CLE requirement. Even more importantly, you can now submit your own CLE credits and apply for accreditation of programs through your member profile on our website. Specific, easy to follow instructions are available on the [website](#).

C. [Kentucky Law Update](#)

The Kentucky Bar Association provides a comprehensive survey of the changes in law and rules Kentucky practitioners need to be aware of for their daily practice. The Kentucky Law Update program consists of over 12 hours of CLE credit, including at least 2 ethics hours. In 2022, the KLU program expanded into a hybrid format. A one-day in-person live program is offered at nine different locations across the state, while an on-demand program is offered virtually from September 1 until December 31. Not only does this program series cover important and needed updates, but it also offers special programming options to allow members to focus on certain areas of practice that are of particular interest to them.

D. [Annual Convention](#)

The KBA Annual Convention is the flagship CLE offering in Kentucky. The CLE programs offered cover a wide range of topics with provocative speakers, practical information, and over 40 different programs from which to choose. In addition to the CLE programs, the Annual Convention presents an excellent opportunity to socialize and network with fellow attorneys, the judiciary, and nationally renowned speakers. As of 2023, the Annual Convention also offers an on-demand program for those who cannot attend the two-day in-person event. This event takes place in May or June of each year. Be on the lookout for information about the upcoming Annual Convention in Lexington, KY on June 3-4, 2027.

E. [Learn & Earn Lunchtime Series](#)

The KBA hosts a Learn & Earn virtual lunchtime series that takes place on the second Tuesday of every month at noon. Each one-hour session features an interesting presentation that is more than your run of the mill, nuts and bolts programming. The Learn & Earn program has featured presenters like Judge Clifton Newman, the presiding judge over the Alex Murdaugh trials; Shay McAlister, the award-winning investigative journalist who provided insight and updates on the Crystal Rogers case; and various other speakers and topics.

F. [GPS \(Great Place to Start\) Mentoring Program](#)

If you have been a member for five years or less and would like the guidance of a more senior attorney, or if you have been a member for over five years and would like to volunteer to serve as a mentor for newer attorneys, please take a look at our mentoring program and consider participating. It is entirely voluntary and at the discretion of those using the service.

G. Online CLE Opportunities

The KBA offers an extensive and ever-expanding online program catalog available through the [KBA website](#). This is an invaluable service, not only because of its convenience, but also due to the broad spectrum of timely and specific CLE offerings we are now able to make available to KBA members. Through online live and on-demand CLE, last-minute compliance becomes not only easier, but more meaningful as our members can choose programs helpful to their varied practices.

H. Teleseminars

KBA members may utilize their telephones to participate in live, national CLE seminars. A list of available programs and registration are available online at <https://ky.webcredenza.com/>. Materials for the seminars are emailed once registration is completed and can be printed or viewed on your computer. Re-broadcasts of selected teleseminars are available as live or on-demand programs as well.

V. **KENTUCKY LAWYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The [Kentucky Lawyer Assistance Program \(KYLAP\)](#) is an agency of the Supreme Court, created by [SCR 3.900, et seq.](#), in 2002. It is a **confidential** program supported by the Kentucky Bar Association which offers help to the Kentucky legal community. KYLAP helps those with a broad range of mental health problems including depression and chronic anxiety, alcohol and other substance use disorders, process addictions like compulsive gambling, and any other conditions which may impair a person's ability to practice law in a competent and professional manner. Lawyers suffer from addiction, depression, and suicidal thoughts at a much higher rate than the general public.

Because of the sensitive nature and ongoing stigmatization of mental health problems, lawyers are often reluctant to seek assistance for themselves, or approach a fellow lawyer who is experiencing these types of problems. Recognizing this concern, and in order to foster early and completely confidential contact with KYLAP, [Supreme Court Rule 3.990](#) guarantees strict confidentiality in all referrals to KYLAP.

Referrals to KYLAP may come from one of several sources: self-referral, third-party individuals, agency (Office of Bar Admissions and Office of Bar Counsel), and the Kentucky Supreme Court. Self-and third-party referrals comprise 90 percent of the assistance KYLAP provides. KYLAP provides completely confidential assistance to individuals experiencing problems with mental, psychological, or emotional conditions including chemical

dependency or addiction that impair, or may foreseeably impair, their ability to practice law. Because of the strict confidentiality afforded through [SCR 3.990](#), KYLAP is allowed great flexibility and discretion in the handling of these cases and offering assistance in a variety of methods and modalities without any involvement of bar membership or discipline. You are not "reported" to the bar when you or someone you care about is referred to KYLAP through a self or third-party referral. KYLAP, through its volunteers, offers peer support, referrals to licensed and credentialed professionals (with assistance from our EAP partnership), interventions when required, and sometimes just someone to talk to about the difficult issues that face law students, lawyers, and judges every day.

In cases involving agency referrals (Office of Bar Admissions and Office of Bar Counsel), which are between 5 and 10 percent of KYLAP's referrals, the agency may require the individual to sign a waiver allowing KYLAP to interview the lawyer involved and give an assessment of the problem to the agency and/or monitor the lawyer's participation with KYLAP (which usually includes a Monitoring Agreement). The same is true for Supreme Court referrals, which comprise about 1 percent of KYLAP referrals. Agency and Court referrals are designed mainly for the protection of the public and to maintain the integrity of the profession and therefore are strictly monitored by KYLAP. [SCR 3.130, Preamble Section XIII](#).

KYLAP offers confidential online recovery meetings for law students, lawyers, and judges three times per week via Zoom at 5:00 p.m. ET on Mondays and Thursdays, and hybrid (live and Zoom) at 7:30 a.m. ET on Wednesday mornings at 370 East 2nd Street, Lexington, KY 40508. Meetings use a typical mutual support format. Invitations must be requested by you by calling KYLAP or emailing abeitz@kylap.org. Invitations are sent directly to your email address individually for each meeting. The URL and password change to maintain confidentiality. If you are a person in recovery and would like to participate in peer-driven recovery meetings, please join us.

The KYLAP Foundation, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation created to assist lawyers with financial hardship who may be unable to afford treatment. The Foundation offers forgivable loans to qualified individuals for purposes of obtaining mental health and addiction treatment including inpatient care, outpatient treatment, therapy, and medications. Providers are paid directly. All donations to the KYLAP Foundation are used to help Kentucky lawyers get the mental health care they need, as well as providing education and other resources to reduce the stigma of seeking help for mental health issues. More information about the KYLAP Foundation can be found at <https://kybar.org/KYLAP>.

KYLAP has more than 120 volunteer lawyers across the state who, when asked, are willing to go to any lengths to assist and carry the message of recovery to those suffering from mental health issues and possible impairment. These volunteers are the lifeblood of KYLAP. If you or someone you know is suffering, give us a call or visit the KYLAP website at www.kylap.org for confidential assistance including resources such as self-tests, other websites, and publications that may be helpful for you. If you are a person in recovery for two years or more from any mental health issue, including substance use disorder, process addictions, and depression, and would like to be a KYLAP volunteer, please contact us through our website or by emailing abeitz@kylap.org to request an application. KYLAP and your fellow lawyers need your help.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused significant mental health problems across society, and lawyers are no exception. Because of this heightened mental health crisis, KYLAP began offering four (4) free mental health visits to any Kentucky lawyer or judge who requests them. There is no income minimum, and the provider will be paid through our relationship with our EAP provider. You simply need to call or email KYLAP directly to request the benefit, and it will be provided to you at no cost and no obligation. The assistance falls under SCR 3.990 and is also completely confidential. If you or someone you know is in distress, please call us and let us help you navigate this difficult time.

Learn more about the history of KYLAP at <https://www.kylap.org/about-us/>.

Kentucky Lawyer Assistance Program

KYLAP CONFIDENTIAL DIRECT LINE: (502) 226-9373 (Answered 24 hours a day/7 days a week) (more information below)

P.O. Box 1437

Frankfort, KY 40602

If you're having a mental health crisis, dial 988 or go to your nearest emergency room.

VI. KYLAP'S EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Kentucky Bar Association, through the Kentucky Lawyer Assistance Program, partners with an Employee Assistance Program to offer the opportunity for mental health support to Kentucky's lawyers and judges. All of the assistance remains COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL, pursuant to [SCR 3.990](#).

This partnership provides mental health support for Kentucky's lawyers and judges. The Employee Assistance Program offers phone assistance 24 hours a day, including evenings and weekends. Simply call the KYLAP office anytime, night or day, on our DIRECT PHONE NUMBER – no operators required – and after hours you will be directly connected to our CONFIDENTIAL Employee Assistance Program. The direct number is (502) 226-9373.

If you need immediate care, KYLAP, with assistance from our Employee Assistance Program, can connect you with one of hundreds of mental health providers across the state (and even across the country). You will have an appointment in your area (or in the area you choose) in as little as 24 to 48 hours. The provider you are referred to will be a licensed professional. If you have insurance or would like to pay privately, that will be accepted (according to the provider's guidelines). If you are unable to pay, as set forth above, you will receive up to four (4) clinical sessions at no charge to you. The Kentucky Bar Association and KYLAP are providing this service to its members free of charge. If you need additional services and are unable to pay for those, additional assistance may be available through the KYLAP Foundation, <https://www.kylap.org/get-involved/#assistance>.

At the Kentucky Bar Association and the Kentucky Lawyer Assistance Program, we recognize that lawyers and judges are suffering from undiagnosed mental health issues, including depression and severe and chronic stress and anxiety, at a rate far higher than the general population. We understand that good mental health and wellness are essential for the

sustainability of our profession. We are committed to offering this service to you to help you address mental health issues before you reach a crisis in your life and in your career.¹¹

VII. KYLAP'S PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION

In May 2024, KYLAP was excited to announce its partnership with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to provide an online Interactive Screening Program (ISP) as a prevention tool for use by the Kentucky legal community to monitor mental health and well-being, including risk of suicide. THIS IS NOT A CRISIS LINE. FOR A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS, DIAL 988 OR GO TO YOUR NEAREST EMERGENCY ROOM. Kentucky Lawyer Assistance Program and the KBA are the first and only lawyer assistance and state bar programs in the country to offer this interactive screening prevention program to our lawyers. The screening will be offered at no cost to KBA members. **All screenings are confidential**, and assistance will be provided independently by mental health professionals through our Employee Assistance Program, who monitor the screenings. This program is part of the larger ongoing response of KYLAP and the KBA to reduce the rate of depression and suicide in our profession. Interactive screening results are not reported to KYLAP or the KBA. There is a heightened risk for lawyers to develop depression and other serious mental health issues that may lead to thoughts of suicide or a suicide attempt, but we are hopeful that through this ISP, the risks of lawyers who contemplate or attempt death by suicide will be reduced.

VIII. ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE

The Office of Bar Counsel ("OBC") is appointed by the Board and "shall be responsible for investigating and prosecuting all disciplinary cases and such other duties as the Board may designate." [SCR 3.155](#). The OBC consists of the Chief Bar Counsel, seven Deputy Bar Counsel, and a full support staff of legal assistants and paralegals.

Important elements of the disciplinary system include:

- A. A "diversion" central intake system can be used for certain types of bar complaints. Through this process, informal warnings and referrals to resources for education or assistance are common. This process is provided for in [SCR 3.160](#) and creates a set of more flexible options for resolution of what appear as "low level" ethical violations. In 2025-2026, nearly one-half of all the complaints received in the OBC were processed through the informal resolution and diversion rule. Key components of the diversion review are:
 - 1. Sworn and unsworn complaints are included in a centralized intake process and are assigned to an OBC attorney if they state a colorable violation.
 - 2. Informal preliminary investigation through contact with the attorney is conducted to determine if the matter has been addressed or requires some follow up by the attorney. Such follow up may include return of client files, refund or clarification of unearned fees, and/or the lawyer communicating

¹ Find additional information and advertising about these services at www.KYLAP.org.

with the client about a particular matter. A warning letter, with or without conditions, may also prove necessary. Such warning letters are cautionary in nature and are not discipline.

3. If more significant issues arise or the matter cannot be adequately addressed informally, the matter may be opened for a written response and proceed with formal process through the Inquiry Commission.

- B. Complaints are referred to the Inquiry Commission for review after the OBC receives a written response or if the lawyer fails to file a response within the time provided in the Rules. At this point, the Inquiry Commission could dismiss a complaint, issue a warning letter or an order of private admonition (with or without conditions), or issue a charge of misconduct.

In addition, the Inquiry Commission routinely orders complaints held in abeyance due to pending criminal charges, which implicate the rights of the respondent under the [Fifth Amendment](#). Files may also be held in abeyance due to pending civil litigation on the same matter, which may result in findings relevant to, or conclusive in, the discipline case.

If a charge is issued, the matter may then proceed: 1) to a hearing before a Trial Commissioner, which then may involve appeals to the Board of Governors and/or Kentucky Supreme Court; 2) directly to the Board of Governors for review as a default file if the lawyer fails to file an answer to the charge; or 3) directly to the Kentucky Supreme Court with a negotiated consensual sanction.

In the 2025-2026 fiscal year, fewer than .23 percent of all licensed Kentucky lawyers had a charge filed against them. Most charges are resolved through consensual discipline, which is a resolution provided in [SCR 3.480](#). Under this rule, the lawyer and the Office of Bar Counsel can come to an agreement for appropriate discipline on a charge and then ask the Court to approve it. This assists respondents and former clients in resolving cases without hearings or appeals, and generally with less expense. In general, approximately half of all charges are resolved in this manner.

- C. Conditions on dismissals or discipline can be imposed rather than relying solely on discipline as a deterrent to future misconduct. Some of those conditions may be:

1. Remedial education in ethics, law office management, or trust accounting.

- a. Ethics and Professionalism Enhancement Program.

The Office of Bar Counsel created the full-day Ethics and Professionalism Enhancement Program (EPEP) in 2008. The OBC, Inquiry Commission, and the Supreme Court often refer lawyers to EPEP, and currently, lawyers may only attend if they have been ordered to do so through a disciplinary matter. The program covers an ethics rule refresher, law practice management best practices, and

trust account management requirements. It is funded by attendee fees, and 326 attorneys have completed it.

b. Trust Account Management Program.

The Trust Account Management Program (TAMP) focuses specifically on issues related to handling lawyer trust accounts. The half-day program includes a deeper dive into the trust account rules and related case law and concludes with a hands-on trust accounting exercise complete with a three-way account reconciliation. In addition to being an option for diversion and a condition in discipline, this program has been made available for CLE credit to attorneys who have not been directed to attend in connection with discipline matters, in hopes that those attorneys would be better equipped to avoid trust account-related violations. Since the program began in 2018, 78 attorneys have completed it.

2. Kentucky Lawyer Assistance Program (KYLAP).

This process is separate from KYLAP's confidential mission and requires signed authorizations for communications between OBC and KYLAP.

3. Fee arbitration and legal negligence arbitration.

Referral to fee arbitration and legal negligence arbitration is available for resolution of issues arising in complaints and for other members of the Bar.

- D. Disciplinary matters are confidential under [SCR 3.150](#); however, effective April 1, 2022, a disciplinary proceeding becomes public after the lawyer files a verified answer to a charge or 30 days following service of a charge in cases of default.
- E. The Clients' Security Fund is available to assist victims of theft by their lawyer to recoup losses. The OBC often provides CSF applications to complainants, and sworn applications can be treated as a sworn complaint at disciplinary intake. The OBC also provides legal and administrative assistance to the Fund as described above.
- F. Following a disciplinary or administrative suspension, an attorney may seek reinstatement or restoration to the practice of law under [SCR 3.501 et seq.](#) Reinstatement and restoration forms are available on the KBA [website](#).

IX. THE KBA WEBSITE: AN IMPORTANT TOOL FOR YOUR KENTUCKY PRACTICE

If you haven't checked out the KBA website at <https://kybar.org/> recently, you are ignoring one of the most important tools you have access to for your Kentucky practice. Not only does the site include invaluable information about KBA programs and who to contact for assistance, it includes the secured options to pay your membership dues online with a credit card or by ACH, register for KBA events, and locate numerous forms needed for requesting information from, or reporting information to, the KBA. You can also find other KBA members

through the “[Find a Lawyer](#)” service. You can find links to the [Supreme Court Rules](#), [Civil Rules](#), [Criminal Rules](#), [Rules of Evidence](#), [Ethics Opinions](#), [Ethics Hotline](#), [Closed and Abandoned Practices Information](#), and more on the site. Great reference links will take you to state and federal court sites, the Attorney General's Office, the Legislature and all their activities, administrative regulations, and more!

In addition, did you know that every KBA member has a public member profile on the website? Your public member profile lists your contact information (e.g., email, organization's name, address, and phone number). You have the option to add a headshot image to help others put a face with your name, list your website to give visitors a direct link to additional information about you and/or your firm, add your spoken language(s) and/or sign language credentials to affirm that you are fluent in that specific language group, and add your areas of practice to communicate to the public that you practice particular fields of law.

Don't miss out! Take some time to log in to the KBA website and review its many offerings!

X. KBA CAREER CENTER

The KBA Career Center is the premier resource to connect career opportunities with highly qualified legal talent. Whether you're searching for a new hire or searching for a new career, the KBA Career Center provides avenues to help you achieve your goal. To access the KBA Career Center, visit: jobs.kybar.org.

The KBA Career Center will allow you to:

A. Recruit for Open Positions

1. Post your jobs, or your institutions' jobs, where legal professionals will find and apply for them.
2. Email your jobs directly to job seekers.
3. Manage jobs and applicant activity right on our site.
4. Search the resume database and contact qualified candidates proactively.

B. Manage Your Career

1. Search and apply to fresh jobs on the spot with robust filters.
2. Upload your anonymous resume so employers can contact you, but you maintain control of your information and choose to whom you release your information.
3. Receive an alert every time a job becomes available that matches your personal profile, skills, interests, and preferred location(s).
4. Access career resources and job searching tips and tools.

XI. LEGAL RESEARCH – [DECISIS™](#)

The KBA offers [Decisis™](#) as a complimentary legal research member benefit. [Decisis™](#) shares the same parent company as LexisNexis® and offers an expansive library which includes both state and federal cases, statutes, court rules, and more. [Decisis™](#) provides KBA members with an easy-to-use interface, a reliable citator, and seven day a week live customer support.

Federal Search Library Contains:

- U.S. Supreme Court Cases
- U.S. Bankruptcy Cases
- U.S. Court of Appeals Cases
- U.S. District Court Cases
- U.S. Tax Court Division Opinions
- U.S. Tax Court Memorandum Decisions
- U.S. Tax Court Summary Opinions
- Court of Appeals for Armed Forces
- Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation Cases
- U.S. Board of Tax Appeals Cases
- U.S. Commerce Court Cases
- U.S. Court Military Commission Review
- U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims
- U.S. Court of Customs & Patent Appeals Cases
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Claims Court, & Court of Claims Cases
- U.S. Court of International Trade Cases
- U.S. Customs Court Cases
- U.S. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court
- U.S. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review
- Constitution of the United States
- United States Code Service Titles 1 through 54
- USCS Public Laws
- Federal Rules
- Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)
- Federal Register
- Benefits Review Board Service Longshore Reporter
- Board of Alien Labor Certification Appeals Decisions
- Department of Energy Board of Contract Appeals Decisions
- Department of Labor Administrative Review Board Decisions
- Department of Labor Benefits Review Board
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Public Sector Decisions (EEOC)
- Federal Communications Commission Decisions
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Decisions
- Hatch Act Advisory Opinions
- Immigration Non-Precedent Decisions: BIA, AAO/AAU
- Immigration Precedent Decisions: BIA, AAO/AAU
- IRS Cumulative Bulletin and Internal Revenue Bulletin

- IRS Private Letter Rulings and Technical Advice Memoranda
- Office of Chief Admin. Hearing Officer Immigration Review Decisions
- Internal Revenue Service Rulings and Technical Advice Memoranda
- National Labor Relations Board & ALJ Decisions
- NTSB Decisions
- U.S. Trademark Trial & Appeal Board Decisions

Kentucky Search Library Contains:

- KY Court of Appeals Cases
- KY Supreme Court Cases
- KY Unpublished Cases
- KY Constitution
- KY Revised Statutes
- KY Administrative Regulations
- Attorney General Opinions
- Kentucky Judicial Ethics Committee Opinions
- Kentucky Legal Ethics Advisory Committee Opinions
- Workers' Compensation Decisions
- Rules of Evidence
- Rules of Criminal Procedure
- Rules of Civil Procedure
- Rules of Appellate Procedure
- Family Court Rules of Procedure and Practice
- Juvenile Court Rules of Procedure and Practice
- Rules of the Supreme Court
- Administrative Procedures of the Court of Justice
- Model Mediation Rules
- Special Rules for Self-Consent Abortion by a Minor
- Bylaws of the KY Bar Association
- KY Bar Association Code of Professional Courtesy
- Rules of Procedure for the Trial of Misdemeanors before U.S. Magistrates
- Joint Local Rules for U.S. District Courts of Eastern and Western Districts of KY
- Rules of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of KY
- Rules of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of KY
- Local Court Rules
- Kentucky Circuit Courts
- Ky. Cir. Ct., Bell Cty.
- Ky. Cir. Ct., Boone Cty.
- Ky. Cir. Ct., Bourbon Cty.
- Ky. Cir. Ct., Boyd Cty.
- Ky. Cir. Ct., Campbell Cty.
- Ky. Cir. Ct., Clark Cty.
- Ky. Cir. Ct., Daviess Cty.
- Ky. Cir. Ct., Fayette Cty.

- Ky. Cir. Ct., Floyd Cty.
- Ky. Cir. Ct., Franklin Cty.
- Ky. Cir. Ct., Hardin Cty.
- Ky. Cir. Ct., Hopkins Cty.
- Ky. Cir. Ct., Jefferson Cty.
- Ky. Cir. Ct., Kenton Cty.
- Ky. Cir. Ct., Magoffin Cty.
- Ky. Cir. Ct., Marshall Cty.
- Ky. Cir. Ct., McCracken Cty.
- Ky. Cir. Ct., Pulaski Cty.
- Ky. Cir. Ct., Scott Cty.
- Ky. Cir. Ct., Shelby Cty.
- Ky. Cir. Ct., Warren Cty.
- Ky. Cir. Ct., Woodford Cty.

All state search libraries are also available and contain at minimum:

- State Case Law
- State Constitution
- State Statutes
- Administrative Code
- Court Rules

State libraries may contain additional content as well, which varies by state.

While the typical fee for [Decisis™](#) is \$1,740 annually, the KBA is proud to offer complimentary access to [Decisis™](#) as an exclusive benefit. As you become more familiar with [Decisis™](#), we encourage you to check out <https://kybar.org/Decisis> to learn more about the platform, watch videos, or attend a live training session. [Decisis™](#) support is available at (833) 332-4747.

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

The [Bench & Bar](#) magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Bar Association, is published to provide members of the KBA with information that will increase their knowledge of the law, improve the practice of law, and, in a format that both edifies and entertains the reader, keep the Bar informed on current issues and events within the legal profession. It is a bi-monthly publication, published in January, March, May, July, September, and November. The KBA also distributes a monthly electronic newsletter, KBA eNews, by email to provide members with up-to-date bulletins between regular publications of the [Bench & Bar](#) magazine.

Most recently, the KBA launched a new monthly CLE newsletter in which members can find information on upcoming in-person and virtual CLE programs, dates and times of KBA Section programs, details regarding CLE reporting, and announcements on new and exciting CLE opportunities.

You can also access timely information and photos by “liking” the KBA’s [Facebook page](#) or following the KBA on Threads (<https://www.threads.net/@kybarnews>). The KBA is also on Instagram under [@KyBarNews](#) and on [LinkedIn](#).

XIII. KENTUCKY BAR ASSOCIATION HEALTH PLAN

Now, thanks to the collaboration between the Kentucky Bar Association and the administration of Mercer, you can have the opportunity to provide more affordable health care to your firm. Firms employing at least one owner, and one full-time, W-2 employee are eligible.

This Association Health Plan (AHP) offers Kentucky Bar Association member employers the ability to take greater control over their health care costs while improving the health care solutions for their employees. This exclusive, member-only offering allows you to select among more than 15 medical plan designs, comprehensive dental and vision plans, and group life and disability options.

You can work with your current health insurance broker to obtain coverage through the Kentucky Bar Association Health Plan. For more information visit kybarinsure.com or call (855) 429-8932 to speak with a licensed agent weekdays between 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. CST.

XIV. KENTUCKY BAR FOUNDATION: THE CHARITABLE HEART OF THE BAR

The [Kentucky Bar Foundation \(KBF\)](#) was created in 1958 to improve and facilitate the administration of justice, to help those in need through law-related programs, and to educate the public about the role of the judicial system and the legal profession in Kentucky. The Foundation’s mission is to fuel access to justice and expand legal knowledge throughout the Commonwealth. With the financial support of Kentucky attorneys, the Foundation accomplishes these objectives by providing grants for law-related programs and projects throughout the Commonwealth. The Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that help Kentuckians navigate civil legal issues and strengthen our communities. The KBF awarded grants for 2026 in the sum of \$475,000 and has given over \$6.2 million in total grants since 1988. This has had a positive effect on the lives of many in our communities through the following types of programs:

- educating the public about law and the justice system
- helping at-risk children
- providing funding to assist abused women and children
- assisting veterans with legal problems by funding clinics
- offering free legal services
- providing funding to educate high school seniors about abuse of credit
- preserving legal history

The KBF’s Fellows, Partners for Justice, Patrons, and Sustaining Members’ charitable contributions have helped to fund KBF grants to nonprofit organizations that have developed the above programs and other projects to better serve our citizens. Every Kentuckian deserves meaningful access to justice, regardless of income or where they live. The legal

profession has a unique opportunity and responsibility to help ensure our justice system works for everyone. How can you help? Keep the box checked when renewing your KBA dues to support the Foundation. Consider becoming a Fellow or making a tax-deductible gift. You can also encourage your firm to support the Foundation and learn about its giving opportunities. To participate in the bar's charitable law-related efforts, contact the KBF at 1-800-874-6582.

XV. IOLTA

One of the most visible programs of the Kentucky Bar Foundation is the [Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts \(IOLTA\)](#). IOLTA collects the interest generated from pooled client funds held in trust by lawyers. Routinely, a lawyer may receive money from clients that must be held in escrow for future use. Attorneys deposit small or short-term multiple client funds into an IOLTA interest-bearing account at a participating bank. The interest earned is remitted directly by the bank to the IOLTA Fund. Historically, through its interest revenues, IOLTA has made significant grants to the four regional legal services programs and funded public service fellowships at each of the three law schools in the Commonwealth.

Thanks to your participation, the Kentucky IOLTA Fund has awarded nearly \$26 million in grants since 1988. For more information, call 1-800-874-6582.