

Resources for Personal Legal Advice & Information for Faculty and Staff

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As you know, the General Counsel's Office cannot provide legal advice or representation to individual members of the University community concerning personal matters or personal legal issues. But, what you may not know is that all faculty and staff can obtain legal advice, information and assistance through the University's employee assistance program.

Integrated Behavioral Health (IBH), the University's employee assistance provider, has a section on its website (www.ibhcorp.com) under "Work Life – Daily Living" called "Legal". To access this information, go to the website, select **Work Life** and enter username "**Lehigh**" and password "**Univ03**". The website contains a wide variety of helpful legal information, including articles/tips, links to resources and sample legal documents. Some of the topics covered include Elder Law; Family and Divorce; Real Estate; Estate Planning and Bankruptcy. The website provides you with sample wills, bills of sale, home buying documents, monthly budget worksheets, and many other documents that you can refer to before you contact a lawyer for your personal legal needs. You may also contact IBH at **1-800-395-1616** and a Work Life consultant will assist you in finding a lawyer in your area who can address your particular concern or need.

In addition to IBH, the Bar Association of Northampton County and the Bar Association of Lehigh County offer lawyer referral services that provide an initial consultation for a modest fee and referrals to local attorneys. You may contact the Northampton County Attorney Referral & Information Service at **610-258-6333** or the Lehigh County Lawyer Referral Service at **610-433-7094**.

If you need legal advice or assistance regarding University business, please contact our office at **83572**. Happy Holidays!

