

# AN OPEN LETTER TO A LAWYER



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Dear Counselor:

Alcoholism is a disease which is widespread and debilitating to families. We at Al-Anon Family Groups are trying to reach out to families who need help. Alcoholism is often hidden. The problem is there; many times, neither the family nor the problem drinker will face or admit that it exists.

When clients come to you for a divorce, a restraining order, or help with delinquent children, you become their counselor in many aspects of their lives. If you suspect your client is or has been affected by a problem drinker, we suggest you or your client contact Al-Anon family Groups. Many families have taken their initial steps towards recovery through their attorney's recommendation to contact Al-Anon/Alateen.

Enclosed is literature for your use. This material may also assist those clients who are affected by someone else's drinking. It explains Al-Anon's role in helping the friends and families of alcoholics.

We are most grateful for your professional awareness and understanding of our program. We recognize that you are in a unique position to refer your clients to Al-Anon Family groups. If you wish more information, please contact \_\_\_\_\_ or 888-4AL-ANON, Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 6 PM, ET.

Sincerely yours,