

2011 LEGISLATION ALERTS

This issue of *In Brief* focuses on some of the significant changes made by the 2011 Oregon Legislature. Bills are listed by area of law. Some bills pertain to more than one practice area, so practitioners are encouraged to look through all the sections.

The new legislation takes effect January 1, 2012, unless otherwise noted.

RESOURCES

The 2011 Oregon Revised Statutes are available for purchase from the Legislative Counsel office. To order, visit www.lc.state.or.us or call 503-986-1243.

To view legislation online, visit www.leg.state.or.us.

The *2011 Oregon Legislation Highlights*, published by the Oregon State Bar, is a comprehensive discussion of the new legislation. It can be purchased from the OSB for \$25, plus \$7 shipping. Visit the online bookstore, www.osbar.org, or contact the OSB CLE Order Desk at 503-431-6413.

PLF Assessment Remains at \$3,500 for 2012

On October 13, 2011, the Oregon State Bar Board of Governors approved the 2012 PLF assessment, which will remain at \$3,500.

As in prior years, the actuaries predict that a \$3,500 assessment in 2012 will provide sufficient income during the year to cover the costs of claims and operating expenses. The cost-of-claims figure is based on predictions of the number of cases and the projected cost of those cases.

If you have any questions about the PLF's basic assessment for 2012, please call Jeff Crawford or Emilee Preble at the PLF at (503) 639-6911 or 1-800-452-1639.

2012 Excess Coverage

Are you considering additional malpractice coverage? PLF excess coverage remains very affordable, and limits are available up to \$10 million in total coverage. Applications for 2012 are available on the PLF Web site (www.osbplf.org), or call the PLF at 503-639-6911 or 1-800-452-1639 for more information.

Changes to PLF Claims Made Plan

For a discussion of the changes made to the 2012 PLF Claims Made Plan, see the article that begins on the next page.

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