

2014 PLF Assessment Remains at \$3,500 for Fourth Consecutive Year

The PLF Assessment will remain at \$3,500 for plan year 2014. As in prior years, the actuaries predict that a \$3,500 assessment in 2014 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 2014, please call Jeff Crawford or Emilee Preble at the PLF at (503) 639-6911 or 1-800-452-1639.

Data Breach Coverage Continued in PLF Excess for 2014

Continuing in 2014, PLF Excess Coverage will include a Data Breach and Cyber Liability Endorsement. This coverage includes – forensic and legal assistance to determine compliance with applicable law; notifications to individuals as required by law; each notified individual will receive an offer for 12 months of credit monitoring; and loss mitigation resources for law firms.

The PLF recommends that Oregon law firms obtain data breach coverage either through PLF Excess Coverage or a commercial carrier. If you are considering additional malpractice coverage for your firm, the PLF Excess Program limits are available up to \$10 million in total coverage.

The Cyber Liability and Breach Response Endorsement is **AUTOMATICALLY** included in the 2014 PLF Excess Coverage. Please contact Emilee Preble or Jeff Crawford at (503) 639-6911 or excess@osbplf.org if you have any questions.

PLF Directors

The Oregon State Bar Board of Governors has appointed one new member to the PLF Board of Directors: Attorney Dennis H. Black begins his term in 2014. He joins Guy B. Greco (Chair, Newport), John A. Berge (Vice-Chair, Bend), Valerie D. Saiki (Secretary-Treasurer, Public Member, Salem), Valerie D. Fisher (Portland), Robert D. Newell (Portland), Julia I. Manela (Eugene), Teresa A. Statler (Portland), and Tim Martinez (Public Member, Salem). We extend our warmest thanks to outgoing board member Laura E. Rackner for her five years of excellent service.

2014 PLF Coverage Changes

In 2013, the PLF Board of Directors and Oregon State Bar Board of Governors made two changes to the 2014 Coverage Plan. The first change deletes PLF Policy 3.500, the Plan for Special Underwriting Assessment (SUA). The SUA was a surcharge assessed on indemnity and expense payments that exceeded a base amount per claim or group of related claims in a five-year period. The second change was to delete Exclusion V. 19, the SUA Exclusion, for any claim for damages consisting of a special underwriting assessment imposed by the PLF. Call Emilee Preble or Jeff Crawford at (503) 639-6911 or 1-(800)-452-1639 with any questions.

ABA Techshow 2014

On March 27-29, 2014, the ABA will sponsor its annual legal technology conference and expo. The ABA Techshow includes over 60 educational and training sessions in 15 different tracks and a two-day expo of more than 100 technology companies. For more information, go to www.techshow.com.

Register using the PLF's program promoter code EP1416 and receive an exclusive discount on the standard registration rate. Be an "early bird" and save another \$200 – register by February 10, 2014. Visit https://apps.americanbar.org/aba_timssnet/meetings/tnt_meetings.cfm?action=long&primary_id=EP1403&webtextid=79553&Subsystem=MTG&related_prod_flag=0 for details. Multiple attendees from the same firm may qualify for even deeper discounts using a "SuperPass."

