



Oregon State Bar Professional Liability Fund: By the Numbers

Founded 1978 (\$100,000 coverage; \$500 assessment)

Exempted from insurance code per statute

Mandatory and exclusive to lawyers in private practice whose principle office is in Oregon

Shared risk pool; one cost for every lawyer; no underwriting

Number of claims since 1978: 28,175

Number of claims to limits: 165

Current Limits: \$300,000/\$300,000, plus \$50,000 expense allowance. No deductible.

- 40% reduction in first year; 20% reduction years two and three

Cost: \$3,300 (effective 1/1/19; was \$3,500 from 2012-2018)

- 25% of assessment goes to operations, which covers 65% of operating costs

Operating Budget (not including claims): \$9.6 million

- 25% of operating budget spent on loss prevention

68% of claims made against solo lawyers (solos represent 47% of all covered lawyers)

- Severity of claims for solo lawyers on average is \$17,473 compared to \$55,944 for lawyers in firms of 41 or more

Disposition of Claims

- 30%: Settle
- 28%: Claim abandoned
- 18%: Repaired
- 14%: Claim denied

Payment Allocation of Closed Claims

- 23%: Paid neither indemnity or expense
- 45%: Paid expense only
- 14%: Paid indemnity only
- 18%: Paid both indemnity and expense

2017 Defense Spend: \$6.06 million

- \$456K: Defending depositions/subpoenas
- \$717K: Repairs
- \$548K: Review

12 Claims Attorneys (including Director of Claims)

- Field 1000+ informational calls per year
- 99% satisfied or very satisfied reviews
- Average years of legal experience: 18

4 PMAs; 4 OAAP Counselors

- Office Visits/Calls
- CLEs & Practice Aids
- Office Closures

Confidentiality