



Message from the CEO

By Megan Livermore

After a brief pandemic-related hiatus, we are pleased to bring back our nationally recognized *inBrief* newsletter. We hope you enjoyed the May 2023 issue and share our excitement that the publication has returned in full swing. We look forward to continuing to bring Oregon Bar members the latest in malpractice prevention education.

Speaking of Oregon Bar members, you may have heard about Oregon's new Licensed Paralegal program. The Oregon Legislature recently passed a bill allowing the Oregon State Bar to license certain non-lawyers who meet specific criteria to practice law with a limited scope of practice in landlord/tenant and family law. The bill was signed by Governor Kotek on May 8, 2023, and the OSB anticipates the first licenses for the new Licensed Paralegals will be issued in early 2024. To ensure that the new licensees and the clients they serve are protected, the new law requires them to carry PLF malpractice coverage. We are pleased to be providing coverage to the Licensed Paralegals on the same terms as the coverage provided to attorneys—same liability limits, expense allowance, and assessment. Our experienced and dedicated staff will also offer the new licensees the same great wraparound services related to claims handling, practice management, and well-being support that the Oregon legal community has enjoyed for nearly 50 years. Those benefits include access to this publication, along with the many resources created by our practice management and attorney assistance teams.

We look forward to serving our new colleagues and welcoming them into our program. ■



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