

Coverage Corner

Q: I claim an exemption from PLF coverage but would like to do volunteer legal work – is that possible?

A: Yes, provided the volunteer legal work is done through an OSB/PLF Certified Pro Bono Program. The Oregon State Bar and the Professional Liability Fund jointly certify pro bono programs across the state of Oregon whose missions meet specific criteria, including serving the legal needs of underserved populations. The PLF provides coverage for exempt attorneys when they volunteer for these programs, and this coverage is provided at no cost to the attorney or to the program. This coverage, outlined in the 2016 PLF Pro Bono Claims Made Plan, extends only to legal work done by an exempt attorney through the certified pro bono program. All other legal work, regardless of whether it is pro bono, requires coverage under the PLF Primary Claims Made Plan. For a complete list of OSB/PLF Certified Pro Bono Programs, please visit www.osbar.org/probono/certified.html.

If you have questions about PLF coverage, call Emilee Preble or Jeff Crawford at 503.639.6911.

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