

Welcome!

By Carol J. Bernick, PLF Chief Executive Officer

Welcome to the newly redesigned *inBrief*. We hope that you will continue to find the content timely and useful but easier to read and with additional news from the PLF. August is a busy month for the PLF. Our Board of Directors always meets in August to approve our budget and set the assessment. This year we will also host our biennial Defense Panel Conference. This two-and-a-half-day CLE provides an opportunity for our defense panel members and PLF claims attorneys to share the latest trends in claims and strategies. We have a very dedicated and talented defense panel that serves Oregon lawyers both efficiently and with the highest quality of representation.

Oregon has served as the only state in the country to require lawyers to carry malpractice insurance. That will change in 2018 when Idaho's new requirement will become effective. At least a half dozen other states are looking at similar requirements, including Washington and Nevada. I have participated in a number of panels and phone conferences to discuss the Oregon model and its success. When talking with lawyers and bar leaders from these and other states, I have heard many expressions of envy for the foresight of the Oregon State Bar in 1977 for creating the PLF. I want to continue its success for the rest of my tenure as CEO. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions for how we can best serve our statutory mandate (ORS 9.080(2)), I can be reached at carolb@osbplf.org or 503.726.1468.