

CHAPTER 2

Professional Liability Fund Claims/Coverage Discussion

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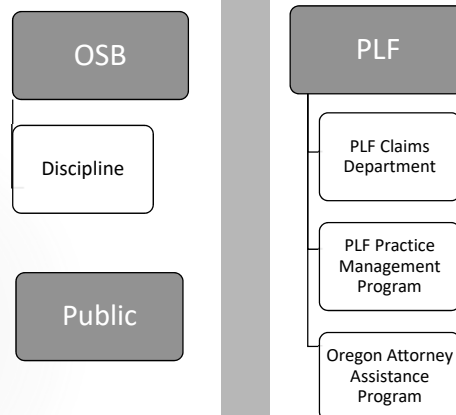
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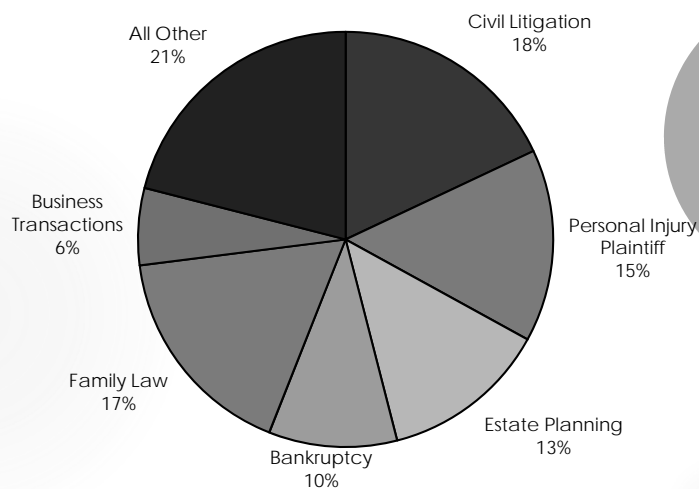
ORS 9.080, 9.568; OSB Bylaw 24; PLF Policies 6.150 - 6.300; ORPC 8.3

Likelihood of Claim

- 7,100 Lawyers Covered by the PLF
- Between 850 – 950 Claims Per Year
- Chances are roughly 1 in 7 (about 15%)
- 10 yrs (75%) - 15 yrs (81%) – 20 yrs (85%)

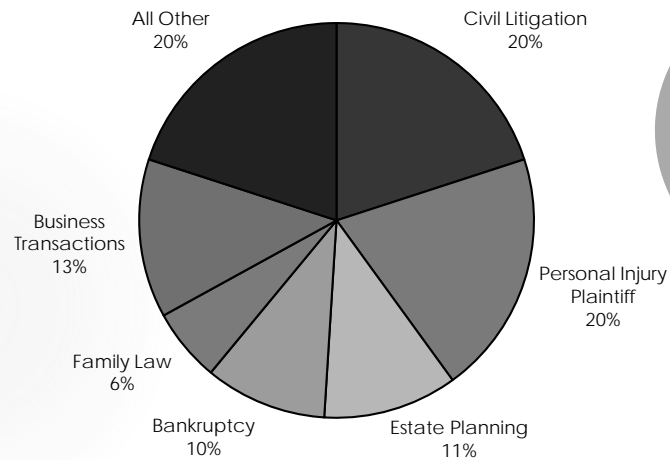
Number of Claims by Area of Law

PLF Claims Closed in 2019 (907 claims)



Indemnity and Expense Paid

PLF Claims Closed in 2019 (\$17.6m)



Client Does Not Know There May Be An Issue

- Gather Information
- Contact PLF
- Contact Excess Carrier
- Consider "repairs" so we can discuss them
- Consider ethics issues
- Inform the client

Informing the Client Potential/Actual Issue

- Call the PLF First
- Facts Only
- No Opinions
- Recommend Independent Legal Advice
- Discuss Ethical Issues
- Send Confirming Letter

Anatomy of a Malpractice Claim

Layers of Causes – A Teamwork Approach



Let the Professionals Help You

Accept Your Role as a
Client/Covered Party



Talk to PLF Before You Talk to
Anyone



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