

## Oregon State Bar-Smokeball Agreement

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **What is Smokeball?**

Smokeball is a legal practice management software program that offers various features based on a tiered pricing structure. More information about Smokeball, including the origin of its name, can be found at <https://www.smokeball.com/about>.

#### **What is the current agreement between Smokeball and the Oregon State Bar?**

In June 2025, Smokeball agreed to offer its first-tier product – Smokeball Bill – to OSB licensees at no cost to either the user or the OSB. The offer launched in July 2025. OSB does not receive any revenue from Smokeball for offering Smokeball Bill to its licensees.

#### **What is available through the “Smokeball Bill” product now offered at no cost?**

The Smokeball Bill software package includes basic trust accounting and reporting, invoicing, time and expense tracking, accounts receivable and LawPay integration for online payments. Additional features are available for purchase.

#### **Why did the OSB engage in this agreement with Smokeball?**

The OSB and the OSB Professional Liability Fund (PLF) inquired about Smokeball after hearing about Alabama State Bar members receiving its first-tier product at no cost to its members. Smokeball has similar agreements with several other state bars, who reported that they were satisfied with their agreements.

This product offers a free option for licensees who may currently have no system to manage their trust accounting and are relying on ledgers or simple spreadsheets, or those looking to change their current system.

The OSB and PLF have long encouraged Oregon licensees to use effective software tools to manage their trust accounting. Many available tools can enhance efficiency and support compliance with trust accounting rules. That said, there are numerous products available and the OSB does not endorse any one product.

#### **What portion of licensing fees are spent on providing this service to OSB licensees?**

Because the OSB is simply offering access to Smokeball Bill as a benefit for licensees, neither the bar nor Oregon licensees have incurred any additional expenses. The OSB does not receive any revenue from Smokeball for offering this benefit to its licensees.

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