

the review, the Board of Governors must adopt an assessment that it reasonably believes to be actuarially prudent and reasonably believes will provide assurance of continued financial stability of the PLF.

### **Section 18.14 PLF Personal and Practice Management Assistance Committee**

The Professional Liability Fund Personal and Practice Management Assistance Committee ("PLF-PPMAC ") has the authority to provide assistance to lawyers and judges who are suffering from impairment or other circumstances that may adversely affect professional competence or conduct and may also provide advice and training in law practice management. The PLF-PPMAC may provide this assistance through the PLF's Oregon Attorney Assistance Program and the Practice Management Advisor Program and by the use of the PLF staff and volunteers.

## **Article 19 Attorney Assistance**

### **Section 19.1 Creation and Purpose**

- (a) The State Lawyers Assistance Committee ("SLAC"), created pursuant to ORS 9.568, supervises and assists lawyers whose performance or conduct may impair their ability to practice law or their professional competence. The board may appoint members and public members as it deems appropriate.
- (b) SLAC shall receive confidential referrals regarding Oregon lawyers whose practice may be impaired and conduct investigations regarding the referrals.
- (c) If SLAC finds that a lawyer's performance or conduct may impair the lawyer's professional competence or ability to practice law, SLAC shall require the lawyer to participate in a remedial program of monitoring, treatment, counseling or training.
- (d) SLAC shall supervise referred lawyers referred pursuant to a conditional admission, conditional reinstatement or other disciplinary order.

### **Section 19.2 State Lawyers Assistance Committee Policies**

- (a) The failure or refusal of a referred lawyer to respond to SLAC's initial inquiry; to participate in interviews with designees during the course of SLAC's investigation; to respond to SLAC requests for information or for a professional evaluation; or to participate in and comply with a remedial program, may result in the lawyer being referred to Disciplinary Counsel for possible action under Oregon RPC 8.1(c).
- (b) SLAC records and any information provided to or obtained by it or its designees including, without limitation, medical information, is confidential, unless disclosure is authorized by ORS 9.458(4). Pursuant to ORS 9.568(4), the confidentiality does not apply to information relating to a lawyer's non-cooperation with SLAC or its designees or to information obtained by the Bar from any other source not connected with the referral to SLAC. Pursuant to Bar Policy, the SLAC chairperson or designee may release the name of the referred lawyer to the OAAP.
- (g) SLAC will prepare a written annual report of its activities, which does not disclose individually identifiable confidential information regarding confidential referrals.