



Tip of the Month

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ANNUAL REPORTING OF PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE

Effective **October 1, 2006**, attorneys must annually report whether they carry malpractice insurance. Information on whether a lawyer does or does not carry insurance will be available to the public from the Lawyer Registration Office upon request. .

Rule 6 of the Attorney Registration Rules provides as follows:

Annual Reporting of Professional Liability Insurance Coverage

Each lawyer on active status must certify on the lawyer registration statement

- (1) Whether the lawyer represents **private** clients;
- (2) If the lawyer represents private clients, whether the lawyer is currently covered by professional liability insurance;
- (3) If the lawyer is covered by professional liability insurance, the name of the primary carrier;
- (4) Whether the lawyer intends to maintain insurance during the next twelve months.

Each lawyer on active status must notify the Lawyer Registration Office in writing within 30 days if the insurance policy providing coverage lapses, is no longer in effect, or terminates for any reason, unless the policy is renewed or replaced without substantial interruption.

If the attorney does not have private malpractice coverage, they should indicate "no" and add a handwritten note stating: "Malpractice insurance for pro bono cases only is provided by VLN carrier Columbia Casualty Insurance (NLADA Edition)".
