

Medical Malpractice Prelitigation Panel Review Chairpersons Needed

The Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing is seeking attorneys who are licensed and in good standing in Utah to serve as chairpersons of medical malpractice Prelitigation review panels.

Prelitigation review is a condition precedent to commencing litigation under the Utah Health Care Malpractice Act. Panels are composed of an attorney, who serves as the chairperson; a lay panelist; and a health care provider who is practicing and knowledgeable in the same specialty as each proposed defendant.

Chairperson must be available to serve on 3-5 panel hearings per month, each of which is normally restricted to two hours in length. Chairperson's responsibilities include conducting the panel hearing and drafting a supplemental panel opinion following the hearing. Training will be provided.

This is a perfect opportunity for attorneys interested in medical malpractice to learn the profession. This is not a paid employment position; however, chairpersons receive a standard State of Utah per Diem of \$60 - \$90 and are reimbursed for travel and parking expenses.

Interested attorneys should send a letter and resume to the Prelitigation Coordinator at P.O. Box 146741, 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6741. You can also email the Prelitigation Coordinator at kfausett@utah.gov or send a fax to 801-530-6511.