



Saskatchewan Lawyers' Insurance Association Inc. (SLIA) is a non-profit corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Law Society of Saskatchewan. SLIA provides mandatory errors and omissions insurance to the members of the Law Society of Saskatchewan pursuant to *The Legal Profession Act, 1990*.

SLIA is a member of the Canadian Lawyers Insurance Association (CLIA). CLIA is a reciprocal insurance exchange, which offers mandatory liability insurance to lawyers licenced by law societies in 9 Canadian jurisdictions and a voluntary excess insurance program. The SLIA program is run by in-house counsel and a claims coordinator, who report to a board of directors composed of both Bencher and non-Bencher members.

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By establishing local control of files within the limits of the group deductible, lawyers insured through SLIA are assured that:

- a) their files are being both assessed and litigated by local counsel;
- b) their interests are being represented as stakeholders on the advisory board of their insurer;
- c) profits following any given claims years are retained locally for their benefit.

SLIA has continued to maintain one of the lowest insurance levies across all Canadian jurisdictions. The 2020-2021 policy period maintained the amount of the insurance levy from the previous policy period.

The 2019-2020 policy period saw both an increase in the number of claims opened and an increase in the severity of the claims to an average of \$51,000 per claim. As the frequency and severity of claims directly impact the levy amount, SLIA continues to stress the importance of loss prevention and continues to work to support its members to avoid or reduce claims.

SLIA, together with the Law Society of Saskatchewan, fund the [Practice Advisor Program](#), which manages complaint reviews and recommendations to members. Through the program advisors meet with each new solo practitioner and new small firm to provide assistance and recommendations to assist members in developing a low-risk practice. The Practice Advisor Program has been made available to any members who need help working through practice management issues. Members are encouraged to contact practice advisors with questions or concerns about practice standards or management issues. Under this confidential program, the practice advisor and member will work together to address the issue at no cost to the member, and no formal report will be provided to the Law Society of Saskatchewan or SLIA.

Weekly SLIA News is provided to members via the Law Society ReSource, which highlights current loss prevention topics, fraud warnings, and practice resources.

Access to mental health resources and assistance continues to be a priority for SLIA. Members are encouraged to make use of the free confidential assistance offered through [Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers](#) for personal counselling and online learning and resources through [HomeWeb](#). Highlights of resources available are provided to members bi-monthly through SLIA News.

SLIA manages the Law Society Outside Directorship Liability Insurance Policy for members involved as a Director or Officer of an outside organization. This Policy covers various types of claims made by reason of such services.

Stats from the 2019-2020 Policy Period include:

- a) New claims: 128
- b) Insurance Assessment: \$926.00