

PLSP is a valuable benefit

Personal Legal Services covers your family

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The Personal Legal Services Program (PLSP) was designed and implemented by your OEA General Counsel's Office and White & Weddle, P.C. Great care was taken to ensure PLSP would be easily accessible and offer the type of personal legal services that would meet the needs of OEA members and their families.

Combined with the legal services offered by the OEA for your on-the-job protection, you have unparalleled access to some of the most experienced and best legal talent in the nation to deal with any of your legal needs.

Teachers and education support professionals (ESP) across the state who maintain an active OEA membership receive a variety of valuable personal legal services through PLSP, typically at no charge.

For example, drafting of wills (including amendments), uncontested divorces, and assistance in creditor disputes are fully covered and require no out-of-pocket costs to an OEA member, his or her spouse, and/or dependent children.

Other legal services are provided at either:

1) A substantially reduced rate, such as all felony charges, contested divorces, and/or other contested matters; and

2) Contingency fee agreements, wherein White & Weddle, P.C. fronts all litigation costs and expenses, and only receives a fee if the case is successfully resolved. Contingency fee arrangements are also provided at a reduced rate.

These two scenarios result in a huge savings to OEA members and their families. Reduced rate services include personal injury cases, nursing home negligence and insurance bad faith, just to name a few.

White & Weddle, P.C. takes great pride in the legal service we provide to our clientele. We have had the pleasure to represent OEA members and their families through this program for over 13 years. Since 1996, we have represented over 9,000 teachers or their loved ones in a

wide variety of cases. The level of service that we provide to all OEA members and their families has led numerous OEA members to recommend us to their friends and other family members.

Even with this large volume of cases, White & Weddle, P.C. takes the time to provide personal service to each client we help. For the past several years, I have been honored to be recognized as an Oklahoma “Super Lawyer” by “Oklahoma Super Lawyers and Rising Stars” magazine, an honor that is bestowed on only 5 percent of Oklahoma attorneys. Charles C. Weddle III was honored as a “Rising Star” by that group just last year.

We carefully evaluate each case to ensure that we obtain the maximum compensation for the loss suffered by our client. Our results in helping clients with personal injury, nursing home negligence and insurance bad faith cases by way of judgment or settlement currently exceed \$50 million. We have found that juries across this great state appreciate the teachers and ESPs in their communities that are working hard to educate the next generation of Oklahomans.

Personally speaking, any time I am fortunate enough to represent a teacher who has been injured through someone’s negligence, juries appear more willing to fully compensate that person because of who they are and what they represent.

Please familiarize yourself with all of the available benefits that accompany your OEA membership. I particularly encourage you to review the OEA membership benefits associated with the PLSP. White & Weddle, P.C. maintains four attorneys and one paralegal – all of whom are ready, willing and able to assist at a moment’s notice.

In closing, every education employee should know the ABC’s of protecting themselves and their loved ones and who to turn to when help is needed. We are extremely proud to be associated with the OEA and the members it represents. Our goal is to let you know that we are here for you and the PLSP is only a phone call away the next time you need help with a personal legal problem.