



Public members are invited to serve on Prelitigation Hearings for medical malpractice claims against physicians, licensed acute care general hospitals, and Nursing Home Administrators in Idaho. Lay Panelist volunteers must be responsible adult citizens of Idaho but cannot be lawyers, physicians, or hospital employees. Lay Panelists may serve multiple times in a year on a Prelitigation Hearing Panel.

Each Prelitigation Hearing Panel comprises:

- One Idaho licensed physician
- One lay panelist
- One resident lawyer
- One administrator of a licensed acute care general hospital (for claims against hospitals)

Upon agreeing to serve, Lay Panelists receive relevant documents and medical records for review prior to the hearing. During the hearing, they will join other panelists to evaluate the claim made by or on behalf of a patient alleging medical negligence. After deliberation, the panel issues an advisory decision and returns all documents and records to the Board. Typically, hearings last about two hours, but this can vary.

The Board needs Lay Panelist volunteers from the following six regions to convene future panels:

- Region 1: Boise
- Region 2: Idaho Falls
- Region 3: Pocatello
- Region 4: Coeur D'Alene
- Region 5: Lewiston
- Region 6: Moscow

How To Apply:

Please provide the names and telephone numbers of potential volunteers by contacting our Prelitigation Department.

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