



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT INSURANCE

Here is a sample of questions that are commonly asked, with the answers provided by ALIA:

### **1. Explain the different types of insurance.**

There is only one type of coverage - it is the mandatory coverage provided by the LSA through ALIA.

### **2. If I have insurance where can I volunteer?**

By volunteer work, we mean providing pro bono legal services, not any other kind of volunteer work.

If you are an active/practising insured member you can volunteer wherever you like and your existing insurance covers you.

If you are an active/practising exempt lawyer who practises in-house or in a government position or a lawyer who is active for pro bono only you are covered only for work you do with the authorized pro bono providers listed in Rule 148(2.1).

- Calgary Legal Guidance
- Central Alberta Community Legal Clinic
- Children's Legal and Educational Resource Centre
- Edmonton Community Legal Centre
- Grande Prairie Legal Guidance
- Lethbridge Legal Guidance
- Volunteer Lawyers Service

### **3. If I am retired can I volunteer in a pro bono capacity, if yes where can I volunteer? If no, what insurance coverage do I require to allow me to volunteer?**

If you are retired and no longer active/practicing you can become "Active for Pro Bono Only". You need to contact the Law Society of Alberta Membership Department and obtain the necessary forms. The cost of becoming "Active for Pro Bono Only" is significantly less than becoming "Active".

### **4. I am an in-house lawyer or government lawyer. Am I able to volunteer? If yes where?**

See #2.

### **5. I am inactive. Am I able to volunteer?**

No. You have to become "Active for Pro Bono Only". See #3 above.

### **6. I am not currently a member of the LSA. Am I able to volunteer with a clinic?**

Not for a position in which you provide legal advice. You have to be a member and fit into one of the categories described in #2 above.