

VSBIT's Multi-Line Intermunicipal School Program



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TO: VSBIT Multi-line Members

FROM: Don Morrill, Program Manager

RE: Multi-line Program Attorneys

DATE: January 28, 2005

I am pleased to announce the selection of the Multi-Line program's legal partners. The firm of *McCormick, Fitzpatrick, Kasper & Burchard, P.C.* has been selected to handle Workers' Compensation legal matters and the firm of *Lynn, Thomas & Mihalich, P.C.* has been selected to handle all General Liability and School Leader's Legal Liability matters, including special education (IEP) due process hearings.

These firms were selected based on their experience, knowledge of schools and school related legal matters, and their commitment to managing cost. Both firms, although Burlington based, are state-wide firms with extensive experience and knowledge of the unique issues posed by members in all areas of our state.

In addition to their legal expertise, both firms have committed to aid the program in its loss control activities. Both firms have assisted VSBIT in the past in presenting informational seminars and are committed to the ongoing education of our members. Our key contacts, Pietro Lynn and Keith Kasper will also serve as valuable resources by regularly providing legal, regulatory and other information of interest to schools. These firms bring with them first hand knowledge of present and emerging legal issues such as bullying and student harassment. They also will provide valuable insight on how best to, or not, address these issues.

Going forward:

All claims requiring legal counsel will be handled by the above firms. Existing claims presently being handled by firms other than the above will continue to be handled by existing counsel. However, the program may consult with our partners or have them take over representation if it is found to be mutually appropriate by the member and the program.

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As a reminder, each member is required to notify the program as soon as possible of any wrongful act which may result in a claim. More than a coverage requirement, prompt notification allows the program to offer immediate guidance/assistance in helping you navigate through a difficult situation. **The Multi-line program's primary goal is to assist you in any way possible. Our legal partners will serve as a valuable tool in helping accomplish this goal.**

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding legal issues. Thank you again for your support.