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<p>Department of Labor and Workforce Development</p>	<p align="center">BULLETIN</p>	<p>Number 07-07</p>	<p>Date March 21, 2007</p>
<p align="center">Clark Bishop Commissioner</p>	<p>SUBJECT REFERENCE</p>	<p>Notice to Attorneys to Volunteer to Serve on a Panel to Select Physicians for the Board's Second Independent Medical Examiners List AS 23.30.095(k) and 8 AAC 45.092</p>	

Under AS 23.30.095(k) the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board (Board) must create and maintain a list of physicians to perform second independent medical evaluations (SIME). The Board may require an SIME in a disputed case.

If you are an attorney who wishes to volunteer to serve on the panel, you must submit a letter to the Commissioner of Labor by April 15, 2007, volunteering to serve on the panel. To be eligible to serve on the panel, an attorney must:

- (1) be admitted to the practice of law in this or another state;
- (2) have personally presented a total of five cases, no more than two of which were resolved by an agreed settlement, for board decision during the calendar year of 2006; and,
- (3) during the calendar year of 2006, have represented one class of litigants, either employees or employers, 90 percent of the time.

The letter volunteering to serve must be accompanied by proof of admission to the practice of law in this or another state, a list of at least five cases which were presented for board decision in 2006, no more than two of which were resolved by an agreed settlement, and a statement of the class of litigants represented 90 percent of the time. The letter must be sent to the attention of the Director, Workers' Compensation Division, P.O. Box 25512, Juneau AK 99802.

If you are an attorney interested in volunteering and have any doubt about your eligibility, you may submit the letter and required information anyway. The Director will determine whether an attorney is eligible to be selected to serve based on the Division's records.

By May 1, 2007, the Commissioner shall choose two employee and two employer attorneys to serve on the panel. The panel members shall meet and select the physicians for the Board's SIME list by August 1, 2007.

For more details regarding the list and the panel, please see 8 AAC 45.092. If you have questions regarding the procedure or this bulletin, you may contact the Director by telephone at (907) 465-2790 or mail at the above address.