



**New York State**  
Dental Association  
Council on Professional Liability Insurance

**WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS COUNCIL?**

The goal of the Council on Professional Liability Insurance is to consider issues of professional liability impacting members of the Association and make recommendations to the House of Delegates with respect thereto.

**“JOB DESCRIPTION”: WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME?**

General Responsibilities of a Council on Professional Liability Insurance member:

- To work in liaison with appropriate agencies of the Association in the development and maintenance of the Association’s Risk Management Program.
- To coordinate the activities of the Component Professional Liability Claims Committees.
- To supervise the maintenance of statistical information regarding professional liability claims activity of the Association.
- To periodically review the Association’s Professional Liability Claims Review Guidelines, and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees with respect thereto as indicated.

**WHAT WILL I GAIN BY DEDICATING MY TIME AND TALENTS (What’s in it for me?)**

You will gain insight into how malpractice claims are handled and what the implications are for dentists that have cases filed against them. You will be encouraged to attend a local meeting in your district where such claims are reviewed. Your participation in this process will help you gain a better sense of managing risk in your own dental practice.

**SERIOUSLY, I’M REALLY BUSY! HOW MUCH TIME WILL THIS TAKE?**

One or two local evening meetings each year as well as a one-day council meeting in Albany every 18 months. You will be reimbursed for overnight accommodations (if necessary), travel and meal expenses when attending a meeting in Albany.

**WHAT ARE THE TERMS OF THIS COMMITTEE/COUNCIL?**

The New Dentist member’s term is 2-years, up to a maximum of two consecutive terms (provided the person remains qualified as a new dentist throughout the term), based on recommendation from the New Dentist Committee and nomination by the NYSDA Board of Trustees, with election by the NYSDA House of Delegates.