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RECRUITING EXPERT WITNESSES

The Board of Optometry (Board) is recruiting licensed optometrists statewide to serve as Expert Witnesses for the Board's enforcement program. An Expert Witness is any licensee possessing technical or professional knowledge gained from advanced education and/or extensive work experience that enables the individual to form a definite opinion in an area of expertise in the standard of care for the profession.

Expert Witnesses are asked to review confidential case material, prepare written reports and, possibly, testify at administrative hearings. Their reports and/or findings may result in a disciplinary action against an optometrist.

The Board pays experts at the rate of:

- \$100.00 an hour for record review and preparation of a written report, and
- \$150.00 an hour for testimony at a hearing.

Additionally, subject matter experts participating in the creation of the Board's California Laws and Regulation Examination can earn Continuing Education credit. Subject matter experts will receive one hour of continuing education credit for each hour attending a Board sponsored workshop, not to exceed twelve credits per renewal cycle.

An Expert Witness must meet the following requirements:

- A current and active California Optometric License in good standing; no prior or pending disciplinary action; no pending investigations;
- Three or more years of post-licensure practice;
- Knowledge of state laws, rules and regulations, and standards regarding optometric practice;
- Strong writing skills and the ability to express ideas logically and critically;
- No prior or current charges or discipline against an out-of state license or any health care related license; and
- No criminal convictions, including any that were expunged or dismissed.

If you meet the requirements and are interested in serving as an Expert Witness for the Board, please complete the <u>application form</u> and follow the instructions carefully. Once completed, send the application and your Curriculum Vitae (resume) including your practice history to:

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