

How to get a lawyer for a small case: ORS 20.080

You can get a lawyer for almost any case you want – that is, if you are willing to pay \$250 or more per hour. But if you want a lawyer to work on a contingency basis, meaning that the lawyer does not take payment up front, but gets paid only if he wins your case, it can be very hard to find a lawyer for a small case.

For a while, insurance companies were refusing to pay more than a few hundred dollars on smaller cases, since they knew that injured people could never get lawyers for them—that is, until the Oregon Legislature realized insurance companies weren't paying fair, and enacted Oregon Revised Statute 20.080.

ORS 20.080 makes it possible to find a lawyer for any case worth \$5,500 or less. Under this law, if the insurance company refuses to make a reasonable offer within ten days of receiving a certain type of letter, the insurance company can be made to pay your attorney fees!

We know many of the lawyers in Oregon who handle these cases, and we can get you to a good one. We even take a few of them ourselves! So if you have a case that you think might fit into this category, give us a call. We'll do our best to get you to a lawyer who will take your case.