# **Activity Report: October 2023**

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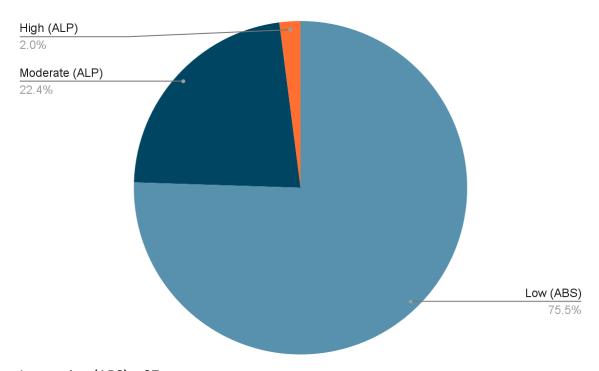
## **OVERALL METRICS**

Total Applications Received	105
Authorized Entities	51
Entities Withdrawn After Authorization	6
Entities Suspended or Terminated	1
Entities Currently Offering Services	49
Entities Reporting Data in October	17
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#### **Cumulative Innovation Office Activity**

#### **Entities Authorized to Offer Legal Services**

• 49 active entities offering services (authorized and licensed)



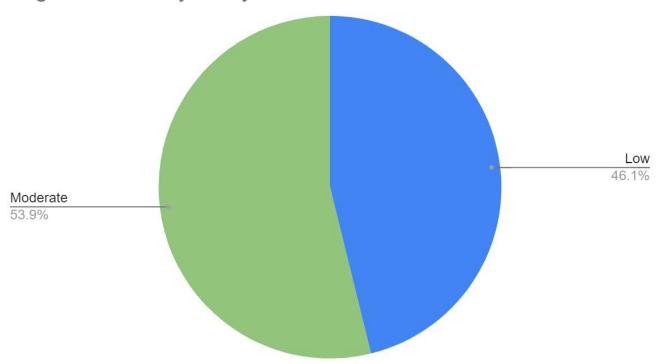
- Low Innovation (ABS) = 37
  - O AGS Law, Angel Advocates, Believe First, Bike Legal, Blue Ridge Law Group, Boundless Immigration, D4U Immigration, Darrow AI, Davis and Sanchez, Esquire Law, Firmly, GovAssist Legal, Hello Divorce, Herbert-Greenwald Law, HW Human Capital, Immigration Office Solutions, LawPal, Legal Atoms, Lindenberg Law Group, Mina Legal Services, Motion Law, Mountain West Legal Protective, My Immigration, Off the Record, Olsen & Partners Law, PD Digital Logistics Design, Fiduciary Law Firm (R&R Legal Services), Rocket Lawyer, Rocky Mountain Justice, Savvi Technologies, Standout Legal, Trajan Estate, Trajector Legal (Legal Claims, Inc.), Truinta, WayLit, Xira, Olson & Partners
- Moderate Innovation (ALP) = 14
  - 1Law, DSD Solutions, Estate Guru, Holy Cross Ministries, LawGeex, Law on Call, Elysium Holding, Rasa Public Benefit Corporation (Sudbury Consulting), Timpanogos Legal Center, Zaf Legal by Nuttall, Brown & Coutts, Michelle Turpin, Utah Legal Advocates

### **Active Entities Reporting Data**

- 33 approved entities have launched services reporting data since October 2020
- 15 approved entities reporting in October
  - o 7 low innovation entities (ABS / Intermediary Platforms)
  - 8 moderate innovation entities (ALP + ABS)

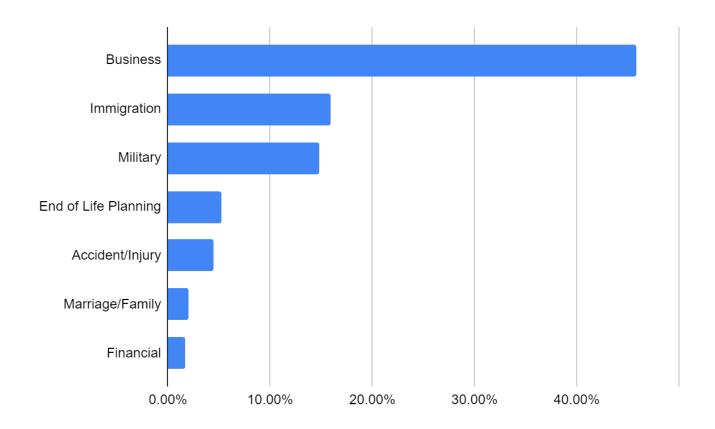
#### **Total Services by Innovation Level**

#### Legal Services by Entity Risk



- 66,972 legal services sought from approximately 24,000 unduplicated consumers
  - o Low (ABS) = 27,912 legal services sought
  - o Moderate (ALP+ABS) = 39,060 legal services sought
  - 55,088 (82.3%) legal services have been delivered by a lawyer, lawyer employee, or software tool like document completion
  - 11,884 (17.7%) legal services have been delivered by non-lawyers (software or person) with lawyer involvement.

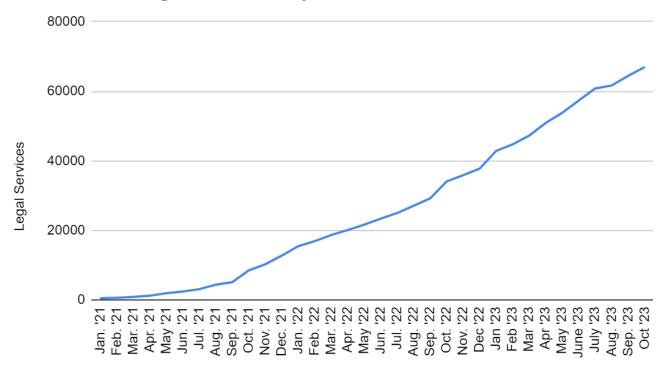
#### **Services by Legal Area**



- Seven legal categories accounted for 92.8% of legal services<sup>1</sup>
  - 1) Business (46.6%; e.g., intellectual property, contracts/warranties, and entity incorporation)
  - 2) Immigration (15.3%)
  - 3) Military/Veterans Benefits (13.6%)
  - 4) End of Life Planning (5.2%)
  - 5) Accident/Injury (4.3%)
  - 6) Marriage/Family (1.9%)
  - 7) Financial (1.7%; e.g., individual bankruptcy and collections practices)
- The top three categories accounted for 75.6% of legal services
- The remaining 13 possible legal categories accounted for 24.4%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Note that housing rental and housing ownership (real estate) legal matters were collapsed to create the category of Housing and that Marriage & Family and Domestic Violence were collapsed into a single category.

#### Cumulative Legal Services by Month



#### **Harm Assessment: Consumer Complaints**

To date, entities have reported fourteen complaints to the Office, approximately 1 complaint per 3,525 services delivered. The ratio of harm-related complaints to services was approximately 1 complaint per 7,441 services. To date, entity response to harm-related complaints has been adequate and acceptable as related to harm mitigation and prevention.

The Innovation Office collects a range of measures from the entities designed to assess the occurrence of three consumer harms: rights, results, payment. This can also be understood as "actualized risk." The assessment of consumer harm is based on the prevalence of consumer complaints indicating the occurrence of one or more of the three harms. Social scientific studies grounded in expert peer review of lawyers' work product typically find that lawyers commit errors in one fifth to one quarter of the cases reviewed.

Taking this finding as a baseline, the harm assessment classifies receipt of harm-related complaints from more than 25% of consumers as a significant warning of harm, which would indicate an immediate need for the entity to work with the Office to develop and implement quality improvement plans to prevent harms and might also lead the Office to recommend that the Court suspend the entity's operations in the Sandbox.

Receipt of harm-related complaints from 11-25% of consumers would trigger a watch to better understand and prevent potential harms and would likely include the requirement of additional information from entities so classified. Receipt of harm-related complaints from 10% or fewer of an

entity's consumers is considered reasonable risk and does not trigger the need for any additional risk assessment.

Complaint Harm Category	# Consumer Harm- Related Complaints	% Services with a Harm-Related Consumer Complaint
Consumer achieves an inaccurate or inappropriate legal result.	2	<0.01%
Consumer fails to exercise legal rights through ignorance or bad advice.	3	<0.01%
Consumer purchases an unnecessary or inappropriate legal service.	4	<0.01%

#### Complaint History is as follows:

- April 2021 linked to the harm of an inappropriate/inaccurate legal result
- May 2021 not linked to any of the three harms
- June 2021 linked to exercising legal rights
- September 2021 linked to exercising legal rights
- October 2021 linked to exercising legal rights
- December 2021 two complaints reported but neither was harm-related
- April 2022 one linked to a legal result, and one complaint not harm-related
- June 2022 one not harm-related, and one related to a payment harm
- July of 2022 one complaint not harm-related
- November 2022 one not harm-related, one linked to entity disclosures
- December 2022 related to the purchase of an unnecessary legal service
- July 2023 September 2023 four complaints reviewed

#### **Quality Assessments**

Audit materials were collected from three moderate risk entities, and reviewed by the Innovation Office. Independent lawyer audit panelists then assessed randomly selected representative legal service files of the three entities. The Office drafted entity audit reports and distributed them to the Legal Services Innovation Committee and the Utah Supreme Court. Based on audit findings, there was no evidence of material or substantial harm to consumers, and services were found to be at least satisfactory by the Office, the LSI Committee, and independent lawyer auditors. The three entities were authorized to continue to offer services within the Sandbox.