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From: Katherine Gardner <KGARDNER@michbar.org>
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To: BOPC BOPC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] "PL" licensure for an attorney in Michigan

Mr. Ferguson;

Your letter dated June 13, 2023 was forwarded to me for a response. A "PL" licensure is a limited license to practice law in the state of Michigan for very specific purposes, as an in-house counsel, or law school instructor. The licensure applies only for that stated purpose or employer. If the individual leaves that employer, they will need to obtain a new licensure to provide legal services for a different employer. In order to qualify for a PL license, the individual must be licensed and in good standing in another state, and is not required to take the Michigan bar exam.

For example, PL licensed attorney obtains a limited license to work for company A. While working for Company A, he/she is permitted to provide legal services as in-house counsel and is licensed to practice law in the state of Michigan. If he/she leaves Company A and wishes to work for Company B, he/she would need to obtain either full licensure or a revised licensure applicable to Company B.

With regard to the scope of specific license PL1103, the individual is authorized to provide services only to the City of Detroit.

I hope that helps. If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Regards,



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