



What is the purpose of the LSBEFD's General Counsel?

The purpose of the Board's General Counsel is to advise and represent the Board members and the staff, within their capacity for the operations of the Board and the State of Louisiana. The Board's General Counsel represents the Board as a regulatory agency, a branch of Louisiana Government. The General Counsel is available to assist licensees with specific questions as it relates to the regulations under which the board is empowered to operate, but cannot advise licensees regarding issues that may arise from the licensee's business or personal actions. The General Counsel will refer a licensee to seek legal advice from an attorney who can represent them should there be the possibility of litigation. The General Counsel cannot review forms or advertisements to be used by a licensee or a licensed funeral establishment. Forms and advertisements should be handled through the licensee's legal advisor. The Board's General Counsel CANNOT represent a licensee nor provide legal advice to a licensee.

Can someone request to be present at a board meeting to address the members?

Yes. Individuals or groups are encouraged to address the Board Members. A simple request, in writing, is all that is required to be placed upon the meeting agenda. There are also "public comment" cards available which can be completed on the day of the meeting in order for someone to be recognized to speak. The board meetings are "open" meetings and anyone is free to attend.

What types of services/assistance is provided by the LSBEFD?

The LSBEFD is a regulatory board with administrative duties and abilities ONLY. This Board is not a police authority nor is the Board empowered with policing duties. The only services administered by the Board are for licensing purposes. The staff will assist with licensing requirements and answer specific questions as it relates to the regulations for the Board such as assistance with internships, temporary licenses, licensing and other duties as outlined within the regulations or LA State requirements.

The Board members and the staff cannot administer legal advice, the Board members and the staff cannot immediately intervene in a situation and the Board's General Counsel cannot advise or assist with any legalities of a licensee other than speaking to a licensee's attorney.

If a situation requires immediate attention, then the guidance of an independent legal counselor or the local authorities must be contacted to handle.

The Board does not provide or award monetary assistance to anyone/anything, i.e., funerals, education, charities, complaints, etc.

Fees that are collected by the Board are for registration, licensing and administration purposes only. There are no fees for any other services to be provided.

There are no legal services provided by this board to licensees or consumers.