### 09.04 Litigation

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#### **Policy Summary**

The Texas A&M University System (system) Office of General Counsel provides periodic reports to the Board of Regents (board) and chancellor concerning the status of pending litigation. This policy also addresses delegation of authority for the settlement of litigation and disputed claims.

#### **Policy**

- 1. The general counsel informs the board with regard to all lawsuits filed by or against the board, the system or one or more of its members, and of all lawsuits filed by or against system officers, employees or agents of those entities acting in their official capacities, or in their individual capacities if the suit arises from their official acts. The general counsel provides periodic reports to the board and chancellor about the status of pending litigation, the resolution of any lawsuit and the settlement of any claim.
- 2. Approval to file lawsuits or settle disputed claims asserted by or against the board, the system or one or more of its members, or claims against officers, employees or agents of those entities acting in their official capacities, or in their individual capacities if the suit arises from their official acts, must be within the following limits per individual per occurrence:

Up to and including \$100,000 General Counsel
Over \$100,000 and up to and including \$300,000 Chancellor
Over \$300,000 Board of Regents

- 3. All settlements must have the concurrence of the chief executive officer of the relevant member and the general counsel and, where required, must have the approval of the Office of the Attorney General.
- 4. A member of the board or system employee who is sued in their individual capacity must disclose such fact to the general counsel, if the suit directly relates to their official acts as a regent or employee.

## Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

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# **Member Rule Requirements**

A rule is not required to supplement this policy.

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