

**Table 1: Sample Results of Medical Legal Panels: Claims and Results for 2008**

<b>For Montana Health Care Providers -- 194 claims filed, of which:</b>	
Abandoned, settled or focus of special ruling without a panel hearing	27
With a hearing	107
Abandoned or settled after a hearing, prior to a lawsuit	8
In lawsuit after the panel	22
Abandoned or settled after a lawsuit filed but prior to a trial	2
Lawsuit resulted in summary judgment or dismissal	0
Lawsuit went before a jury and was determined in favor of the provider	0
Lawsuit went before a jury and was determined in favor of the claimant	0
Remainder not yet resolved (either due to late year filing or a continued hearing)	
<b>For Montana Physicians -- 122 claims filed, of which:</b>	
Abandoned, settled or focus of special ruling without a panel hearing	18
With a hearing	69
Abandoned or settled after a hearing, prior to a lawsuit	6
In lawsuit after the panel	0
Abandoned or settled after a lawsuit filed but prior to a trial	1
Lawsuit resulted in summary judgment or dismissal	0
Lawsuit went before a jury and was determined in favor of the provider	0
Lawsuit went before a jury and was determined in favor of the provider	0
Remainder not yet resolved (either due to late year filing or a continued hearing)	
<b>For Montana Hospitals -- 50 claims filed, of which:</b>	
Abandoned, settled or focus of special ruling without a panel hearing	7
With a hearing	26
Abandoned or settled after a hearing, prior to a lawsuit	2
In lawsuit after the panel	7
Abandoned or settled after a lawsuit filed but prior to a trial	1
Lawsuit resulted in summary judgment or dismissal	0
Lawsuit went before a jury and was determined in favor of the hospital	0
Lawsuit went before a jury and was determined in favor of the claimant	0
Remainder not yet resolved (either due to late year filing or a continued hearing)	

Source: Montana Medical Legal Panel Report, 2008