

- h. “Why would I choose Legally Mine vs. another company or firm for my asset protection needs? Legally Mine is the most cost effective asset protection company/firm in the US. While other firms may sell ‘self help kits’ or cost tens of thousands of dollars (just to get started), Legally Mine keeps their options flexible and achievable on any budget.”⁴⁰
- i. “Why does Legally Mine do what it does? It is the mission and goal of Legally Mine to eliminate the fear of lawsuits, frivolous or otherwise, for every medical and dental practitioner (and business owner) in the U.S.”⁴¹
- j. Legally Mine promotes the “Benefits of Choosing a Specialty Firm” and implies they are a specialty firm, noting only “0.05% of barred attorneys in the U.S. considered asset protection one of their specialties.”⁴²
- k. “Many people ask, ‘why can’t my own attorney do this?’ The answer is that true asset protection will normally involve use of entities in multiple states and also require specialized language in those entities that will move assets out of the jurisdiction of the courts. . . If an attorney does not have expertise required to know specific state laws surrounding these tools it will be hard for this attorney to truly protect assets. It is not enough to know your own state laws it is required to now all the state laws in order to achieve maximum protection for their clients.”⁴³

As part of the investigation, Legally Mine disclosed that more than fifty (50) other Ohio residents had engaged the services of Legally Mine. Legally Mine prepared asset protection plans, legal entities, and/or trusts for these Ohio clients under the same structure utilized for the Thomases. No Ohio attorney prepared or reviewed the legal documents created for Respondent Legally Mine’s Ohio clients. Respondents objected to Relator initiating contact with any Ohio clients due to possible harm to its business and reputation. To Relator’s knowledge, none of Respondent Legally Mine’s Ohio clients have filed a complaint related to the services provided by Legally Mine (Relator did discover a complaint filed with the Ohio Attorney General Complaint, but that person canceled before any services were rendered).

II. Proposed Consent Decree

⁴⁰ Exhibit E, p.15 (Available at <https://legallymine.com/frequently-asked-questions/>)

⁴¹ Exhibit E, p.16 (Available at <https://legallymine.com/frequently-asked-questions/>)

⁴² Exhibit E, p.2 (Available at <https://legallymine.com/asset-protection/>)

⁴³ Exhibit E, p.2 (Available at <https://legallymine.com/asset-protection/>)

- (2) If legal entities were created in other States, inform the Ohio client whether or not an attorney licensed in those states was involved in the preparation or review of the legal advice and documents provided by Legally Mine.
 - (3) Offer each client, at Legally Mine's expense, a review by an Ohio-licensed attorney (or other state-specific attorney when applicable) of all asset protection plans and documents prepared and provided to the client by Legally Mine. Legally Mine may contract with an Ohio licensed attorney to provide this service but the attorney may not be a direct employee of Legally Mine, must maintain independent legal judgment from Legally Mine, and engage in an attorney-client relationship with the individual client(s).
 - (4) Inform the client of their right to seek independent legal counsel regarding Legally Mine, and their provision of services.
 - c) Confirm receipt of the written contact by each Ohio client. If receipt is not confirmed, Respondents shall make every effort to locate and provide notice to the client.
 - d) Provide the OSBA with a copy of the written notice sent to each client along with verification of receipt by the client.
- 12) Respondents jointly with Relator request that the Court order Respondents to cease providing services in the State of Ohio until Respondent completes all the following:
- a) Engage one or more Ohio licensed attorneys to approve or create and discuss all asset protection plans and legal documents provided to Ohio clients by Legally Mine.