Title of Exposure Draft: ASOP 41

Comment Deadline: November 1, 2022

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I. Identification:

Name of Commentator / Company

Casey Hammer, FSA / Comments are submitted on my behalf NOT my company (Milliman)

II. ASB Questions (If Any). Responses to any transmittal memorandum questions should be entered below.

| Question No. | Commentator Response |
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III. Specific Recommendations:

| Section # (e.g. 3.2.a) | Commentator Recommendation (Please provide recommended wording for any suggested changes) | Commentator Rationale (Support for the recommendation) |
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| 3.3.3 | I think the section with a bullet point should be a "b." or something easier to refer to than a bullet point. | Easier to reference |
| 3.2 | I don't understand the "Subsequent to" issuing the oral communication piece. | Shouldn't the form and content, clarity, timing, etc be determined ahead of providing oral content? Also, on the "Identification of Responsible Actuary" in an oral communication, could you provide guidance on how to do that in an oral communication? Are we expected to end all phone calls where we've answered an actuarial question saying that we're an actuary? |
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IV. General Recommendations (If Any):

| Commentator Recommendation (Identify relevant sections when possible) | Commentator Rationale (Support for the recommendation) |
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| Add explicit standards on social media conduct and white papers | Based on the definition of principal, my understanding of this ASOP is that it only applies to communications to a client or employer. I spoke with the ABCD and the member assigned to |

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| guidance. However, I recommend adding such guidance to ASOP 41 as that is where most people would look within our professional code of conduct to find such guidance. |
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| It could be argued that ASOP 41 is not the right place for such |
| In attendance at one of the Actuarial Judge & Jury sessions, there was polling and discussion about social media. A large percentage of attendees did not think that the actuarial standards applied. If there was a specific call-out to social media and white papers in ASOP 41, even if it is just to reference the applicable precepts, it would at the least identify these public communications as falling under the purview of our professional standards. |
| my question agreed that social media/white papers are not governed by ASOP 41 and listed a few precepts that could apply. I believe these communications are most visible to the public and have the ability to form public opinion about the profession. If one of the goals of the precepts and ASOPs is to protect the reputation of the actuarial profession, I believe there should be an explicit standard addressing our communications of highest public visibility. |

V. Signature:

| Commentator Signature | Date |
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| Casey L Hammer | 8/29/2022 |