ATTORNEY REFERRAL INFORMATION

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While it is not essential that you have local counsel to represent you, your attorney should be familiar with your state law and administrative regulations pertaining to medical practice. Of course, it is important that you and the attorneys discuss fee arrangements, as well as the time they expect to spend on the matter, before retaining any of them to represent you.

Thank you for contacting the ACR Legal Department. If you need further assistance or have questions about the *Business Practice Issues* section of the web site, please call 1-800-227-5463 and ask for Dee Salem or you may email her at dsalem@acr.org or legal@acr.org.

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