

ATTORNEY REFERRAL INFORMATION

The ACR Legal Department provides referrals to attorneys for those radiologists and radiation oncologists who do not have representation, or who have an attorney but would like to consult with a specialist in a particular area of the law, such as medical staff bylaws. We also may provide general information on specific issues, such as contracts, with this referral sheet. Some of the information may be in sample format. Please be advised that any materials we provide are for informational purposes only and not meant to substitute for legal counsel.

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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Steve Williams is a lead attorney for one of South Carolina's largest hospitals. As attorney to the state's largest tertiary-care hospital, he is chiefly involved in patient-related issues, medical staff relations and compliance with federal and state laws. He has a strong practice in clinical research and counsels clients on compliance with human research regulations and serves on three institutional review boards. Mr. Williams is recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America—Healthcare Law*. With more than a decade of experience as senior vice president and general counsel to the South Carolina Medical Association, Mr. Williams brings valued perspective to our healthcare team. He represents physicians in areas such as disciplinary and licensing issues, contractual relationships with hospitals and managed-care organizations, and reimbursement. Mr. Williams has helped develop a multi-specialty musculoskeletal medical practice and has advised a hospital client on its participation in a medical research collaborative. He also is recognized for his strong background in biomedical ethics and often counsels families, physicians, and hospitals during traumatic and end-of-life situations. Mr. Williams is a strong supporter of the healthcare community. He garnered the Community Service Award of the South Carolina Hospital Association in 2000. He is a frequent speaker to hospital management, medical staff, and nursing programs. He was named a Greenville Hospital System Clinical Instructor in the Department of Internal Medicine by the dean of the University of South Carolina, School of Medicine. He is a former chairman of the Health Law Section of the South Carolina Bar and a former board member of the American Medical Association's National Litigation Center. Mr. Williams also served as vice-chairman of the Greenville United Way's Building a Healthy Community Impact Cabinet and currently serves as a member of the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control's Pandemic Flu Ethics Steering Committee.