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LEGAL ISSUES UPDATE

An interesting issue of law presented itself in my office recently. A prospective client called and thought he had a possible law suit against a doctor who had treated him. He wanted to know if there was a statute of limitations for a medical malpractice claim.

The statute of limitations to commence a law suit for a medical malpractice claim is different than a claim for ordinary negligence such as with a car accident or a slip and fall accident. Generally, a medical malpractice law suit against a private doctor or a private health care facility must be commenced within 2 1/2 years from when treatment with the doctor or hospital ended. The time period in which to sue a hospital owned by The City of New York or another municipality or a doctor which is employed at such a health care facility is much shorter and such a claim should be acted on promptly.

Of course, the specific facts of each case may affect the when the statute of limitations time period begins to run. Therefore, in each instance you should always call my office for a legal opinion so the specific facts can be considered. In any event, you should call me as soon as possible after you think that you may have a medical malpractice claim to make sure that your legal rights are being protected.

I will continue to provide you with updates on legal issues which may affect you or someone you know. If you move please be sure to inform my office of your new address so that you can continue receiving our **LEGAL ISSUES UPDATE**. The success of my law practice depends upon keeping my clients satisfied and informed of their legal rights.

Of course, please remember that if I can ever be of assistance to either you, or someone you know who has suffered injuries from any type of accident or medical malpractice please feel free to call me. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to help you and yours with your personal injury claims. Your referrals are very important to me and will be handled with personal attention. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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