**EXTERNAL LITIGATION STRESS ASSESSMENT**

**PERSONAL ISSUES**

Have you observed any change in the doctor's affect?

Have you observed any changes in the doctor's health?

Are you aware of any newly-emerging problems in the doctor's personal life?

**PRACTICE ISSUES**

Has the doctor changed (narrowed or expanded) the scope of his/her practice?

Has the doctor begun to speak more frequently about retirement or a career change?

Have you observed a change in the doctor's general practice patterns?

*changes could include rounding less frequently, slower in*

*completing charts, forgetting commitments, etc.*

**RELATIONSHIP ISSUES**

Have any changes been observed in the doctor's relationships with staff, colleagues, etc.

*changes could include overreaction to suggestions or well-intended criticisms*

Has there been an increase in the number of complaints made against the doctor, or have the nature of the complaints changed?