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## **ABOR Retains Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie LLP to Review and Evaluate Concerns Regarding UA Colleges of Medicine**

(Phoenix, Ariz.) –The Arizona Board of Regents has retained Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie LLP to compile and review information and concerns relating to the UA Colleges of Medicine. The firm will submit a report to the board’s general counsel and the board after it has completed its review.

The board chair instructed the board’s general counsel to engage a third-party evaluator during a special board meeting on Aug. 19. This followed two recent meetings of the ABOR Health Affairs Committee that addressed the UA Colleges of Medicine and recent issues that were brought to the board’s attention.

The Health Affairs Committee received updates on recent leadership changes at the COM-Phoenix. The meetings also covered updates such as: progress made in the delivery of public medical education, research and clinical excellence; implementation of the Banner Health affiliation agreement; an update on the accreditation process at the Phoenix college; an organizational structure review; and recognizing the contributions of the colleges to healthcare in Arizona.

The board anticipates having preliminary feedback from the firm as soon as the September board meeting.