

# The Difference Between Non-Solicitation and Abandonment Of Patients

“The time for doctors and other healthcare providers to review their employment relationship and their duties to their patients isn’t when the doctor is about to leave a medical practice. The time to conduct these reviews is before the doctor joins a new medical practice. Physicians generally enter into written employment contracts with a medical practice, unless the physician is just a sole practitioner,” writes Cohen Healthcare Law Group in their *blog*.

“Doctors who are joining a medical practice are focused on making the new employment relationship work. New doctors often fail to anticipate that the relationship may not work. The doctor may be fired from the practice. The doctor may want to go out on his/her own. The doctor may want to join a new practice.”

“Doctors need to understand that in many cases, the best time to discuss what happens when the employer/employee relationship ends or a partnership relationship ends is right when the relationship begins. An experienced healthcare lawyer can explain the main factors in end-of-employment contracts that need to be reviewed upfront.”

*Read the article.*