



**Response to Questions
Request for Proposals for Fiduciary Counsel Legal Services
July 15, 2020**

From the RFP, it appears that every member of our firm would be required to be admitted in California. One of our named partners is a California lawyer, and we also have licenses in other states within the firm. Will the Boards consider a modification, as long as all work was signed by a California lawyer.

Response: LACERA is willing to discuss this issue provided the California lawyer is substantively involved with the work, has the substantive knowledge and experience to sign, and subject to all other applicable ethical standards in California. LACERA did not intend that literally all lawyers in firms with out of state lawyers be members of the California bar. However, LACERA does expect that firms and lawyers have knowledge of and comply with California rules regarding the unauthorized practice of law.