

*be approved by him as to their sufficiency and compliance with the laws and conditions under which executed.*

*382D. (a) Whenever any Officer, Department, Board, Commission or agency shall require legal advice concerning his or its official business or whenever any legal question or dispute arises or litigation has been or is to be commenced in which any Officer, Department, Board, Commission or Agency is officially concerned, it shall be the duty of such Officer, Department, Board, Commission or Agency to refer the same to the County Solicitor. It shall be unlawful for any Officer, Department, Board, Commission or Agency to engage any attorney other than the County Solicitor to represent him or it in any matter or thing relating to his or its public business without the approval in writing of the Commissioners of Anne Arundel County.*

*(b) It shall be the duty of any Officer, Department, Board, Commission or Agency, having requested and received legal advice from the County Solicitor regarding his or its official duty, to follow the same; and when any officer shall follow the advice given him in writing by the County Solicitor he shall not be liable in any way for so doing upon his official bond or otherwise.*

*382E. The County Solicitor shall have sole charge and direction of the preparation and trial of all suits, actions and legal proceedings of every kind to which the County, its Commissioners or any Department, Commission, Board, Agency or Officer thereof as such shall be a party. He shall have authority to institute, defend or discontinue on behalf of the County, any suit, action or legal proceedings in any local, State or Federal Court or before any administrative agency thereof. Provided, however, that no appeals on behalf of the County shall be taken to the Court of Appeals of Maryland, to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, or to the United States Supreme Court, except upon the written order of the County Solicitor, approved by the Commissioners of Anne Arundel County.*

*382F. (a) The County Solicitor shall prepare or assist in preparing all ordinances and resolutions for introduction before and consideration by the Commissioners of Anne Arundel County.*

*(b) The County Solicitor shall prepare all Bills which the Commissioners of Anne Arundel County shall desire to be introduced before the General Assembly of Maryland.*

*382G. The County Solicitor shall have the right of access at all times to the official records of any Officer, Department, Board, Commission or Agency of the County.*

*382H. The County Solicitor, with the approval of the County Commissioners, shall, upon the establishment of the County Law Department, appoint two assistants, both of whom must be members of the Bars of the Court of Appeals of Maryland and of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, and both of whom must be residents of the County. One shall be designated Deputy County Solicitor, and the other as Assistant County Solicitor. Both shall be under the direction and supervision of the County Solicitor in the conduct and performance of the legal business of the County. Whenever in the opinion of the County Commissioners it should become necessary to do so, they are hereby authorized to direct the County Solicitor to appoint assistants in addition to those hereinbefore specified.*