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Legal Nurse Consultant/Expert Witness CV

How I Support Litigation Teams

Nurse executive and Critical Care RN with 20+ years in ICU, CVICU, Trauma, Neuro, Respiratory, Perioperative services, cardiovascular programs, quality, nursing education, and hospital operations. Provides objective, guideline-anchored clinical analysis. I am skilled in maintaining documentation integrity, ensuring audit trail awareness, and converting complex EMR data into clear and concise timelines. Services provide impartial, evidence-based expertise to support both sides. For attorneys, I deliver consistent and timely work, paying attention to risk exposure, causation analysis, and alignment with the plan of care and nursing standards of care.

LEGAL NURSE CONSULTANT / EXPERT WITNESS

SERVICES FOR DEFENSE

- Early case evaluation to clarify exposure and defensibility
- Identification of alternative explanations, confounding factors, and causation gaps
- Documentation integrity review and EMR validation
- Clear timelines and reports that strengthen expert rebuttal and deposition strategy

SERVICES FOR PLAINTIFF

- Early screening for merit and records-needed lists
- Chronologies that clarify progression, deviations, and policy alignment
- Exhibits and literature summaries that support mediation and expert prep

CORE SERVICES

- Medical, Nursing, and Respiratory record review
- Chronologies and event timelines with datetime precision
- Bates indexing and reconciliation
- Standard-of-care and variance analysis
- Policy and guideline comparison
- Documentation integrity review; Epic
- DOH investigation support

- Expert vetting, deposition prep, and trial support

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consulting Legal Principal, Bernstein Legal Nurse Consulting — Clearwater, FL | 2024–Present

- Medical malpractice, Criminal, and Inpatient internal cases.
- Chronologies/Bates
- Documentation integrity reviews and policy alignment evaluations.

Kaiser Permanente (GSAA & Golden Gate), CA — Clinical Manager Respiratory & Quality | 2021–2025

- Conducted RCAs, Sentinel events, nursing education, remediation, and regulatory responses
- Documentation, education, and audits

Stanford HealthCare, Tri-Valley — Clinical NPD Leader | 2023–2024

- ICU/cardiac documentation for open-heart and protocol adherence.
- Educated and authored high-technology, low-utilization policies and care timelines.

Sutter Health — Director, Neuro Trauma, Critical Care, Clinical Manager, Respiratory, Open Heart & Cardiovascular | 2019–2021

- Directed Trauma Level II Services, Vascular Access, and Respiratory Departments
- Led reduction of hospital-acquired injury (HAI), adverse event reviews, and defensible documentation training.
- Managing the daily respiratory department
- Prepared education on respiratory equipment for a work Stoppage involving entirely replaced incumbent staff during COVID
- Provided cutting-edge education and training for Structural heart and Open heart. A 2-day class along with step-down unit development,
- Worked with risk and general counsel

Global Medical Solutions — Clinical Operations | 2016–2019

- Reviewed outpatient records, consents, and timelines for critically ill patients requiring repatriation.
- Created policy and procedures for nursing in international airspace.

Bronx Lebanon Hospital — Director NPD, Critical Care, EP, Structural heart, Open Heart & Peri-op | 2015–2016

- Administrative and educational support for M&M analysis, early recognition pathways, and clinical timelines.

Mount Sinai Health System Roosevelt and St Luke's— Manager NPD | 2012–2015

- Chart audits, adverse-event timelines, and exhibit-ready packets.
- Education on open heart nursing recovery and ICU
- Trained by risk on how to author hospital-side policies and engage general counsel

Moffitt Cancer Center / USF — Manager, IR | 2008–2012

- Strengthened QA and risk mitigation; ensured compliant procedural documentation.
- Policy and SOP authoring
- Anticoagulation process excellence safety research

BayCare —Step-down and ICU RN | 2004–2006

- Rapid response and defensible documentation practices.

HealthSouth Rehabilitation — CNA →LPN →RN | 2000–2004

- Bedside patient care

Cagle & Beasley Oral Surgery — Clinical/Practice Manager | 1990–1999

- Surgical charts, consents, sales, and sedation anesthesia documentation.

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Nursing – Informatics, Western Governors University

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, St. Petersburg College – Clearwater, FL

DNP Candidate (Nursing Administration), Rutgers/Capella University – 2026

CERTIFICATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

- AHA BLS, PALS, ACLS CURRENT
- CCRN- Critical care certified registered nurse
- ANA- American Nursing Association
- ANPD-Association for Nursing Professional Development
 - Supports nursing educators, clinical trainers, and anyone responsible for developing nursing workforce competency.
- NAHQ-National Association for Healthcare Quality
 - Sets national standards for healthcare quality, patient safety, and performance improvement. Known for the CPHQ certification.
- AACN-American Association of Critical-Care Nurses
 - Largest specialty nursing organization in the U.S., focused on critical care practice, education, and certifications
- ANIA-American Nursing Informatics Association
 - Professional organization for nurses working in informatics, clinical technology, analytics, and EHR workflow optimization.
- ALNC-American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants
 - National body supporting legal nurse consultants with education, professional standards, networking, and the LNCC certification.
- Healthcare Quality Principles Certificate (NAHQ)