

## **Risa Klein, CNM, OB/GYN NP (NY)**

Curriculum Vitae

Certified Nurse Midwife | OB/GYN Nurse Practitioner (NY) | Expert Witness

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### **PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

Certified Nurse Midwife and OB/GYN Nurse Practitioner with more than twenty years of full-scope clinical experience in hospital-based, collaborative, and out-of-hospital maternity care across multiple institutions in New York City and New Jersey. Clinical background includes solo private practice midwifery with home birth services and more than ten years of co-management of high-risk pregnancies in collaboration with a board-certified maternal-fetal medicine specialist. Extensive experience in interdisciplinary obstetric practice, hospital leadership, academic teaching, and peer-reviewed scholarship. Provides independent standards-of-care analysis, medical record review, expert consultation, and testimony in matters involving midwifery and obstetric care.

### **EXPERT WITNESS EXPERIENCE**

#### **Nurse Midwifery Expert Witness — New York, NY**

**2025 – Present**

Assists counsel with medical record analysis, expert consultation, and review and analysis of depositions of involved parties, providing feedback regarding clinical decision-making, documentation, and adherence to applicable standards of care. Provides expert testimony when requested.

Areas addressed include fetal monitoring, labor management, Group B Streptococcus prophylaxis, cervical dilation and descent, maternal hydration, interdisciplinary communication, ethical obligations, hospital-based and out-of-hospital standards of care, and transport from home to hospital.

### **EXPERT WITNESS REGISTRATIONS & PROFESSIONAL LISTINGS**

Registered Expert Witness, SEAK, Inc.

Registered Expert Witness, The Expert Witness Institute

Registered Expert Witness, MedQuest Associates

Registered Expert Witness, JurisPro

### **CLINICAL & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

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**Director of Midwifery, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology**

Hospital-Based Practice — New York City

December 2020 – December 2023

Directed the development and daily operations of a hospital-based midwifery program, including staff recruitment and supervision, protocol development, interdisciplinary education, and direct patient care.

**Certified Nurse Midwife — Solo Private Practice & Collaborative Practice**

New York & New Jersey

2005 – 2020

Provided full-scope midwifery care through a solo private practice model that included home birth services and physician collaboration. Concurrently co-managed high-risk pregnancies for more than ten years with a maternal-fetal medicine specialist.

**Preconception, Birth, and Postpartum Counseling & Consultation**

2005 – Present

Provides counseling and consultation informed by clinical midwifery expertise, including review of obstetric records and education regarding preconception planning, childbirth decision-making, and postpartum adjustment for individuals with fear of childbirth or prior traumatic birth experiences.

**EDUCATION**

**Columbia University School of Nursing**

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), Nurse Midwifery — 2003

**Columbia University School of Nursing**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), Entry-to-Practice — 2002

**S. I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, Syracuse University**

Bachelor of Science (BS), Communications — 1980

*Major: Television & Radio | Minor: Psychology*

**LICENSURE & CERTIFICATION**

Certified Nurse Midwife — NY & NJ

OB/GYN Nurse Practitioner — NY

Registered Nurse — NY & NJ

American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB)