

Subject: Legal Nurse Consultants Enhance the Delivery of Legal Services

We understand you would like to utilize your time more efficiently. We know you have a need for medical analysis and review in a timely manner. Conducting client interviews, completing evaluation fact sheets or Patient Profile Forms (PPF), researching the FDA Web site, performing literature searches, identifying alternate causation issues and preparing files for the expert reviews are all tasks that utilize the expertise of a Legal Nurse Consultant (LNC). Efficient use of an LNC keeps the attorney on track, on time and on top of the cases!

The American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants (AALNC), <http://www.aalnc.org/about/>, is a not-for-profit membership organization dedicated to the professional enhancement and growth of Registered Nurses practicing in the specialty area of Legal Nurse Consulting and to advancing this nursing specialty. With more than 3,500 members, AALNC is the premier organization from which to find a Legal Nurse Consultant. Visit <http://www.aalnc.org/hire/locator.cfm> to find a Legal Nurse Consultant in your area and read the attorney testimonials below!

How Can Legal Nurse Consultants Help Me?

Recognizing that your time and resources are invaluable, Legal Nurse Consultants, <http://www.aalnc.org/hire/locator.cfm>, remove the strain and time constraints of your extensive medical research. As licensed Registered Nurses, Legal Nurse Consultants bring specialized healthcare education and clinical experience to the medically related issues of the litigation process. This education and experience distinguishes Legal Nurse Consultants from paralegals and legal assistants and provides the foundation for the Legal Nurse Consultant's ability to examine, recognize and interpret all relevant medically related information in a claim or case.

For more than 20 years, Legal Nurse Consultants have acted as collaborators and strategists, offering support in medically related litigation and other medical-legal matters to aid in numerous aspects of your cases.

What Lawyers Are Saying about AALNC Members

"Our firm uses Legal Nurse Consultants in many aspects of our work. Legal Nurse Consultants play a vital role in both screening and prosecution of medical malpractice cases. They also play an important role in significant product liability cases, specifically in pharmaceutical product cases such as Vioxx.

Our nurses were extremely involved in screening the hundreds of potential Vioxx liability cases that were referred to us and in helping to determine which should be sent on for an expert review. They then were involved in putting the materials together for the expert review and in meeting with the expert to discuss the case. Their ability to organize the records into a format that medical experts can understand is unmatched and ultimately saves our firm money in expert fees.

For the Vioxx cases we ultimately filed that were transferred into the MDL the Legal Nurse Consultants were principally responsible for completing the complex medical portions of the plaintiff profile forms that were required in this mass tort litigation. In speaking to other firms involved in this litigation I learned that most others had to make significant modifications to the PPF forms after they were initially filed, while the ones my firm filed raised very few objections from the defense attorneys. This is an example of how Legal Nurse Consultants' training and experience make them invaluable and superior to paralegals for doing many medical related tasks that arise in this type of litigation.

In almost any complex personal injury case I would prefer to have a good Legal Nurse Consultant at my side from start to finish."

Stephen G. Schwarz
Faraci Lange, LLP
Managing Partner

“Our Legal Nurse Consultant is my right arm when it comes to medical product liability litigation. As a trained Legal Nurse Consultant, she picks up the nuances of a case that an attorney would prefer not to handle. Not only can she decipher the medical language, but she puts it into a context that I can understand, teaching me the case as we go.

Her attention to detail is wonderful, she reviews the records over and over and researches the information that she doesn't understand herself. She gives me a summary of the records, plus an added column of information researched from other sources. She is very thorough. I couldn't do this type of work without her and I wonder how attorneys who don't have someone equally as good get through these cases.”

Kathy A. Brown
Wexler | Toriseva | Wallace
Wheeling, WV

“Whether the task at hand is evaluating new case inquiries in an emerging pharmaceutical mass tort or reading through hundreds of pages of a hospital chart in order to put together a chronology of what happened and when, Legal Nurse Consultants bring invaluable expertise to any firm whose practice requires even a basic knowledge of medicine. I have personally used Legal Nurse Consultants at almost every stage of a case.

A well versed Legal Nurse Consultant can screen damages issues in potential new cases, can help put together medical timelines for use at deposition or at mediation, and, to the attorney who knows more law than medicine, is a constant source of education and insight. Did your client receive the recalled medical device, and did she suffer from the target injuries that prompted the recall? Did the nursing and medical staff attending to your client while hospitalized conform to accepted standards of care? These and a myriad of additional questions can eat up endless attorney time. Leveraging the knowledge base of a Legal Nurse Consultant saves that time and results in better organization and preparation.”

Jason Mark
Mark & Associates, P.C.
Uniondale, NY

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