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Behavioral Health Nursing Expert & Med-Legal Consultant

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EXPERT PROFILE

Doctorally prepared Registered Nurse, attorney, and med-legal consultant with more than 30 years of experience spanning nursing practice, healthcare education, leadership, law, and behavioral health. Provides specialized clinical and medico-legal analysis for attorneys, legal nurse consultants, claims professionals, expert-placement organizations, and litigation teams handling matters involving behavioral health and psychiatric nursing care.

NURSING EXPERTISE	LEGAL PERSPECTIVE	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SPECIALIZATION
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FIVE CORE DOMAINS

- 1. Inpatient Psychiatric Nursing** - Assessment and reassessment; observation and monitoring; patient safety; changes in condition; nursing interventions; documentation; communication; escalation.
- 2. Suicide & Self-Harm Precautions** - Risk-related observations; observation levels; implementation of safety precautions; behavioral changes; reassessment; documentation; provider notification and escalation.
- 3. Substance-Use & Detox Nursing** - Withdrawal monitoring; nursing assessment; medication administration; safety precautions; recognition of deterioration; documentation; communication and escalation.
- 4. Adolescent Behavioral Health Nursing** - Inpatient and institutional safety; behavioral changes; observation; nursing interventions; communication; documentation; continuity of care.
- 5. Behavioral Health Nursing Systems** - Nursing documentation; handoffs; chain of command; medication monitoring; policies and orders; discharge and transitions of care.

MEDICO-LEGAL SERVICES

- Behavioral health nursing case screening
- Medical record review and clinical chronologies
- Nursing standard-of-care analysis in appropriately matched matters
- Institutional documentation, policy, order, and protocol analysis
- Behind-the-scenes litigation consulting
- Specialty behavioral health support for legal nurse consultants
- Claims and record review
- Independent nursing expert opinions, reports, deposition, and testimony when within professional scope

POSITIONING

Nursing Expertise. Legal Perspective. Behavioral Health Specialization.

Cacique Med-Legal Consulting specializes in the nursing care, monitoring, documentation, and safety systems involved in inpatient behavioral health, suicide and self-harm precautions, detoxification, and adolescent psychiatric care.



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Expert-Pro / Placement Profile

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SEARCHABLE HEADLINE

Behavioral Health Nursing Expert | Inpatient Psychiatry | Suicide & Self-Harm Precautions | Patient Monitoring | Detox | Nursing Documentation

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Doctorally prepared Registered Nurse, attorney, and med-legal consultant with more than 30 years of nursing, healthcare education, leadership, and professional experience, including current behavioral health nursing practice. Founder of Cacique Med-Legal Consulting and former founder of Esquire Nurse Enterprises, with prior legal nurse consulting experience.

Provides nursing-focused consultation and expert analysis in appropriately matched matters involving inpatient psychiatric nursing, behavioral health patient safety, suicide and self-harm precautions, nursing observation and monitoring, nursing documentation, psychiatric medication administration and monitoring, escalation and chain of command, detox and substance-use nursing, adolescent behavioral health, and transitions of care.

EXPERTISE KEYWORDS

Behavioral Health Nursing	Psychiatric Nursing	Inpatient Psychiatric Nursing
Nursing Standard of Care	Suicide Precautions	Self-Harm Precautions
Patient Observation	Patient Monitoring	Nursing Assessment & Reassessment
Nursing Documentation	Psychiatric Medication Monitoring	Provider Notification
Escalation of Care	Chain of Command	Clinical Handoffs
Patient Safety	Detox Nursing	Withdrawal Monitoring
Substance-Use Treatment	Adolescent Behavioral Health	Behavioral Health Hospitalization
Discharge Planning	Transitions of Care	Medical Record Review
Clinical Chronology	Institutional Policy Review	Legal Nurse Consulting

SERVICES

Case screening • Medical record review • Clinical chronologies • Nursing standard-of-care analysis • Behavioral health nursing analysis • Documentation review • Institutional policy analysis • Litigation consulting • LNC subcontract consulting • Claims/record review • Expert reports • Deposition and trial testimony in appropriately matched nursing matters.

CASES OF PARTICULAR INTEREST

Psychiatric inpatient events • Suicide and self-harm events • Patient observation and monitoring • Behavioral health patient safety • Nursing documentation • Detox and withdrawal • Adolescent psychiatric care • Medication monitoring • Communication and escalation • Nursing chain of command • Behavioral health transitions of care

AVAILABILITY

Plaintiff matters • Defense matters • Attorney consulting • Legal nurse consultant subcontracting • Claims/record review • Expert-placement referrals

SCOPE

Services and opinions are limited to matters appropriately matched to education, licensure, training, professional experience, and applicable jurisdictional requirements.