

“Nursing Summit 2010: Mock Trial and Beyond” **Presenter Biographies**

Presentation 1: “Legal Exclusive: How to Avoid Daily Practice Risks”

David Griffiths

Vice President of Nursing Services Organization (NSO), Hatboro, PA

In his role, Mr. Griffiths oversees marketing and risk management activities for NSO and Healthcare Provider Service Organization (HPSO). Prior to joining the Aon Corporation, Mr. Griffiths held various business development and marketing roles for Fortune companies. Mr. Griffiths holds a BS from the University of Maryland, College Park, MD and an MBA from Moravian College, Bethlehem, PA.

Kate Mager

Account Executive of Nursing Services Organization (NSO), Hatboro, PA

Ms. Mager has been with NSO for 3 years and in her time there has worked with many state and specialty nursing organizations.

Presentation 2: “I’ve Been Sued! Now What?”

Karen A. Butler, RN, BSN, JD

Thuillez, Ford, Gold, Butler & Young, LLP, Albany, NY

Ms. Butler combines more than twenty years experience as a critical care nurse with her skills as a practicing attorney. She is a partner in the law firm of Thuillez, Ford, Gold, Butler & Young, LLP where her areas of practice include medical malpractice defense, professional misconduct, health law and civil rights litigation. Graduating Magna Cum Laude from Albany Law School in 1995, Ms. Butler was Associate Editor of Albany Law Review and recipient of The Selma Mintz Memorial Prize for graduating with Honors while raising a family. She is a member of The New York State Bar Association, The American Bar Association, The Defense Research Institute and The Association of Trial Lawyers of America. She is on the board of The Capital District Trial Lawyers Association and was President in 2009. A member of The American Association of Nurse Attorneys since 1995, Ms. Butler is on the editorial board of The Journal of Nursing Law. She was appointed by the Governor to The New York State Task Force on Life and the Law in 2003. She has published several articles on health law related topics and lectures extensively on health law, litigation and professional misconduct.

Presentation 3: “Mock Trial Simulation: You Be the Judge”

Shawna Patrick, MS, RN

President of Nurses for Nursing, Snowmass, CO

Ms. Patrick is a dedicated nurse with 10 years of experience spanning the areas of medical-surgical and critical care nursing, clinical instruction, nursing education, and management. She currently works as the Staff Development Coordinator at Aspen Valley Hospital in Aspen, Colorado; and is also the President of Nurses for Nursing, an educational resource company specializing in the development of innovative educational resources for nurses, like the mock trial instructional guide, “The Mock Trial Method: An Innovative Approach to Nursing Education;” and the first ever mock trial educational DVD, “You Be the Judge: Alcohol Withdrawal & Restraints.” Over the past year and a half, Ms. Patrick has been traveling around the country, teaching nurse educators how to develop a mock trial for nursing education at a number of national conferences; and she also developed and implemented mock trial learning events for conferences, hospitals, and colleges.

Presentation 4: “Defensive Documentation: Nurses on the Front Line of Litigation”

Ann Marie Parisi, RN, CLNC

Sole Proprietor, Nightengale Legal Consulting

Mrs. Parisi is celebrating 20 years as a Registered Nurse this year & has worked independently as a Certified Legal Nurse Consultant (CLNC) for the past 4 years; working for both plaintiff & defense counsel regarding cases of nursing negligence. She has consulted on hundreds of nursing cases primarily from a defense perspective and has worked directly with nurses preparing for deposition in the court room. Traveling the state, she has been asked to instruct nurses about what she has found in her legal consulting work as to relay the power of nursing documentation in the courtroom.

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