

## PROFILE

Irene H. Kniss, R.N., B.S.N., L.N.C.C.

Irene Kniss' role as a legal nurse consultant is to evaluate, analyze, and render informed opinions on the delivery of health care and the resulting outcomes.

She performs the following activities as a legal nurse consultant:

- Educating attorneys and/or others involved in the legal process regarding the healthcare facts and issues of a case or a claim.
- Researching and integrating healthcare and nursing literature, guidelines, standards, and regulations as related to the healthcare facts and issues of a case or claim.
- Reviewing, summarizing, and analyzing medical records and other pertinent healthcare and legal documents and comparing and correlating them to the allegations.
- Assessing issues of damages and causation relative to liability with the legal process.
- Identifying, locating, evaluating, and conferring with expert witnesses.
- Interviewing witnesses and parties pertinent to the healthcare issues in collaboration with legal professionals.
- Developing collaborative case strategies with those practicing within the legal system.
- Providing support during discovery, depositions, trial, and other legal proceedings.

## BIO

Ms. Kniss began working as a registered nurse in 1977. She is licensed as a registered nurse in Virginia, and has been licensed in Florida and Ohio. She has experience in Emergency Room, Medical Surgical, Critical Care, Cardiac, Pulmonary, Pediatric and Oncology Nursing. She has practiced in hospital, extended care facility, outpatient and physician office settings.

Irene began working at WAW in 1999. She obtained her certification as a Legal Nurse Consultant in 2003 after completing the pre-requisites and passing the certification exam. This certification is provided through the Board of Nursing. She is currently a member of the American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants.

Irene participates in the Central Shenandoah Valley Nurses' Association yearly conferences to stay in touch with modern nursing. She also participates in medical seminars and conferences to stay current in her medical knowledge.

Irene has been a guest lecturer and panelist for the local chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, and local nursing programs at James Madison University, Eastern Mennonite University and Blue Ridge Community College.

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### Education:

May 9, 1997 Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia. Graduating with honors and invited to join Sigma Theta Tau  
June 1977, AD Nursing; Marion Technical College, Marion, Ohio

### Experience:

May 1999 – present: Wharton, Aldhizer, & Weaver – Legal Nurse Consultant/Firm wide Case Manager – Review, analyze and

summarize medical records; Find and work with medical experts;  
Perform medical research; perform paralegal tasks

August 1990 – May 1999: Rockingham Memorial Hospital - Staff  
RN Oncology/Medical Surgical and Oncology Chemotherapy Infusion  
Center

February 1987 - August 1990: Pediatric Associates of Gainesville  
(Florida). Staff RN and Head Nurse for Group Pediatric Practice [3  
Physicians and 1 Nurse Practitioner]

September 1980 - March 1983: Rockingham Memorial Hospital.  
Staff RN in Intensive Care, Cardiac Intensive Care, and Progressive  
Cardiac Care.

August 1978 - August 1980: Sarasota (Florida) Memorial Hospital.  
Staff RN in Cardiac Intensive Care and Acute Cardiac Care

July 1977 - August 1978: Morrow County (Ohio) Hospital. Staff RN,  
Medical/Surgical, Pediatrics, Obstetrics, Nursery, Emergency Room,  
Intensive Care