



INSIDE EVERY WOMAN
Using the 10 Strengths You Didn't
Know You Had to Get the Career
and Life You Want Now

Legal Nurse Consulting **The Industry Vickie Milazzo Created**

The 10 Feminine Forces that Vickie L. Milazzo, RN, MSN, JD, reveals in *Inside Every Woman* are what made it possible for her to revolutionize her nursing career and create the profession of legal nurse consulting. In 1982 she began training other nurses, and then in 1994 she developed the first legal nurse consulting certification. The Certified Legal Nurse Consultant^{CM} is a registered nurse who uses specialized healthcare knowledge and expertise to consult with attorneys on medical-related cases. The CLNC[®] consultant's primary role is screening such cases for merit, which helps reduce the number of frivolous lawsuits. They also identify deviations from standards of care to ensure accountability among healthcare professionals. Many attorneys rely on these specially trained RNs when faced with cases where health, illness or injury is an issue.

Certified Legal Nurse Consultants have consulted on cases as simple as a neck injury caused by an auto accident, as high profile as the Rodney King case and as groundbreaking as Fen-Phen and Vioxx. Their expertise is also valuable on cases involving medical malpractice, workers' compensation and environmental issues.

In health-related litigation, the attorney serves as the expert on the law and legal issues, while the CLNC[®] consultant is the expert on nursing, medical records and day-to-day patient care. The legal nurse consultant's firsthand experience with the healthcare system and insight into its inner workings are beneficial in resolving the numerous medical-related cases in our justice system.

Currently, 1,116,967 plaintiff and defense attorneys practice in the United States. A large number of these attorneys litigate medical-related cases and use the professional services of CLNC[®] consultants. Additionally, these RNs provide healthcare expertise for insurance companies, utilization review firms, government agencies, private corporations and hospitals both as staff members and as consultants. The legal nurse consulting profession enables experienced RNs to continue their nursing careers outside the traditional clinical setting either full time or part time.

CLNC[®] services include conducting research, interpreting medical records, assisting with discovery, preparing reports and summaries of the medical

records and locating expert witnesses. Although most CLNC[®] consultants work behind the scenes, they may also serve as expert witnesses.

As a vital member of the litigation team, Certified Legal Nurse Consultants^{CM} help to educate attorneys, juries, plaintiffs, defendants and judges on medical-related issues. The legal nurse consultant's professional contributions are often critical to achieving a fair and just outcome for all parties.

For more information on legal nurse consulting, visit LegalNurse.com.