

Butler & Associates

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What is a Certified Legal Nurse Consultant?

A Certified Legal Nurse Consultant (CLNC) is a registered nurse who has completed a specialized training program, passed a national exam, and become certified to work as a legal nurse consultant. A CLNC can serve in variety of settings such as law firms, long term care facilities, risk management departments, insurance companies, and any company who might ever deal with a workers' compensation case. Cases that can be consulted on include medical malpractice, workers' compensation, personal injury, toxic tort, product liability, and general negligence.

Ask yourself these questions to determine if Butler & Associates could increase your profitability:

Are the volumes of medical records overwhelming and time consuming for you and your staff?

Butler and Associates can organize the medical record, review and analyze the information to determine whether or not the four elements have been satisfied and create a report tailored to your needs that will substantiate this decision. This will free you to focus your attention on meritorious cases.

Will you be able to quickly determine what pieces of documentation should be included in the medical record?

Don't put yourself at a disadvantage by thinking you have the complete medical record, only to find out too late that a piece of critical information was missing. Nurses read the medical record from front to back. We recognize very quickly the absence of information that could impact the outcome of your case. For example, do you know what documentation should be included following the vacuum assisted delivery of a newborn?

How quickly can you detect tampering in the medical record?

As you know, tampering can drastically change the outcome of your case. Our extensive experiencing in auditing medical records enables us to quickly detect tampering and our specialized training has enabled us to locate the forensic experts you will need to provide proof of tampering.

Your time is valuable. How much of it do you spend reading, researching and interpreting the medical record?

As legal nurse consultants who continue to practice in the clinical setting, we are very adept at translating medical terminology and complex healthcare issues into easily understood information. This expertise could enable you to gain a better understanding of the relevant healthcare issues in the case and allow you to present those issues more clearly to the jury should the case go to trial.

How much time do you spend locating and interviewing expert witnesses?

As a member of a nationwide network of certified legal nurse consultants we have access to experts in every discipline of healthcare. We will narrow your search to those authoritative expert(s) who will support your opinion and strengthen your case. You will of course, make the final decision as to which expert(s) you will retain for use in your case.

Butler & Associates is committed to honoring the Lord in all we do. We view our work as ministry. Colossians 3:23 says, *“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as if working for the Lord and not for man.”* With this scripture in mind, we will strive to provide outstanding service to our clients, giving them the competitive edge they need to achieve success.

Medical-Legal Services include:

- Organizing medical records and identifying missing pieces of information that could impact the outcome of your case
- Reviewing and screening a case for merit, conserving your time and resources
- Reviewing and analyzing medical records for deviations from standards of care that may affect the outcome of your case
- Summarizing, translating, and interpreting medical records and preparing brief opinion reports to strengthen your position
- Identifying additional documents that may be essential to developing your case
- Locating testifying experts who are able to provide authoritative testimony
- Detecting possible tampering of medical records which could greatly impact the outcome of your case
- Providing necessary education regarding healthcare issues relevant to your case
- Auditing medical records for compliance issues
- Conducting research and incorporating findings into case analysis
- Assessing alleged injuries and damages to assist with determining causation

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