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Professional Experience

August, 1997 to
present

McDonald, Mackay & Weitz, L.L.P.
Austin, Texas

February, 1997 to
August, 1997

Law Offices of Taralynn R. Mackay
Austin, Texas

February, 1994 to
February, 1997

Assistant General Counsel; Staff Attorney
Texas Medical Board
Texas Physician Assistant Board
Austin, Texas

May, 1995 to
August 1997

Health Care Consultant
Austin, Texas

November, 1992 to
February, 1994

Legal Nurse Consultant
Clark, Thomas, and Winters
Austin, Texas

March, 1985 to
January, 1992

Registered Nurse

*Intensive care, Coronary care, Transplant Intensive care,
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
Houston, Texas
Austin, Texas*

Education

1993

University of Texas School of Law
Austin, Texas
Doctor of Jurisprudence

1984

University of Texas Medical Branch
Galveston, Texas
Bachelors of Science - Nursing, with Honors

Certifications

**Board Certified - Administrative Law – Texas Board of Legal
Specialization**

Organizations, Honors

Texas State Bar Association
Administrative Law Section
Health Law Section

The American Association of Nurse Attorneys

Texas Chapter

President 2012
President-elect 2011
President 2008 -2009
President 1999
President-elect 1998
Board of Directors 1997-2000
1997-present, member

National Chapter

2012-present Board Member
2010, 2012 Chair of the Presidents' Council
2007- present, member
1997-2000 member

Journal of Nursing Law, Practical Practice Editor, 2010-2013

The American Association of Nurse Attorneys' 2011 Outstanding Advocate Award

Austin (Travis County) Bar Association

Administrative Law Section

Health Law Section

Medical Legal Committee 1996-1997

Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN)-Employer Liability Task Force Member, 2005 – 2008

Tavis County Women Lawyer's Association, 2007 - Current member

Contributor, *RN Magazine*, *Legally Speaking* section, 2004-2009

Interviewed in *RN Magazine*, Vol. 70, No.1, January 2007, "4 nurse attorneys tell you How to stay out of legal hot water."

Texas State Board of Nurse Examiners-Nursing Practice Advisory Committee, Temporary Member representing TAANA, 2000-2002

***HealthWeek* Nursing Excellence Award 2000**

Advancing the Profession Finalist

Texas Nurses Association 2000, 2001

American Nurses Association 2000, 2001

Publications

"The Collateral Damage to Nursing Licenses Caused by Nursing Board Actions," Journal of Nursing Law, Volume 15, number 2, 2012, Co-author with Jon E. Porter, JD.

The American Association of Nurse Attorneys: Law and Nursing. Chapter Author of *Nursing Practice Acts*. [Awaiting publication]

"Insuring Your Future: Protect Yourself From Liability By Knowing Your Resources," Advance for Nurses, September 18, 2008, Annual Issue for New Graduates and Seniors, 2008, p. 35.

"Protecting Yourself: What to watch for if the Board of Nursing Comes Knocking," Advance for Nurses, December 24, 2007, Vol.5, No.27, p.20.

"The Nurse Police" Advance for Nurses, September 2007, Annual Issue for New Graduates and Seniors, 2007, pp. 31-33.

“The Texas Medical Board: Advocate For The Physician? Or A Lurking Danger For The Unwary?” Bexar County Medical Association Newsletter, Spring 2006.

“Protocols,” Texas Osteopathic Medical Association Newsletter, Spring 2002.

“The Nuts and Bolts of PA Practice,” Texas Academy of Physician Assistants Newsletter, Spring/Summer 2002.

Nursing Practice and the Law: Avoiding Malpractice and Other Legal Risks.
Chapter Author of *Informed Consent*. Chapter Co-author of *Advanced Practice Nurses*, September 2000.

What Every Nurse Should Know – a practical guide for today’s nurse.
Author, (unpublished at this time).

Texas Nursing Jurisprudence. Author, (unpublished at this time).

“The Texas State Board of Nurse Examiners,” Texas Nursing: Texas Nurse Association Magazine, August 1999.

“What to do when a complaint is filed with the Board,” The Nurse’s Headliner: The Official Publication of the Licensed Vocational Nurses Association of Texas, August/September 1998.

“It’s Your License, It’s Your Responsibility,” Texas Academy of Physician Assistants Newsletter, November/December 1997.

“Licensure Made Easy,” Texas Academy of Physician Assistants Newsletter, May/June 1997.

Presentations

Legal Concerns in Today’s Nursing Practice: How to Protect Your APRN License. UT School of Nursing—presentation to graduate nurses, Austin, Texas, November 5, 2012.

Legal Concerns in Today’s Nursing Practice: How to Protect Your APRN License. UT School of Nursing—presentation to graduate nurses, Austin, Texas, April 2, 2012.

Nursing Documentation, Law & Ethics, Healthcare Enrichment Institute, Houston, Texas, March 5, 6, and 19, 2012.

Nursing Documentation, Law & Ethics, Healthcare Enrichment Institute, Collinsville, Illinois, December 9, 2011.

Legal Concerns in Today’s Nursing Practice: How to Protect Your APRN License. UT School of Nursing—presentation to graduate nurses, Austin, Texas, October 24, 2011.

Nursing Ethics and Professionalism, Professional Boundaries, Inc., Sacramento, California, October 12 and 13, 2011.

Nursing Documentation, Law & Ethics, Healthcare Enrichment Institute, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 28, 2011.

Nursing Documentation, Law & Ethics, Healthcare Enrichment Institute, Tulsa, Oklahoma, September 27, 2011.

Legal Concerns in Today's Nursing Practice: How to Protect Your License, Cook Children's Medical Center, Ft. Worth, Texas, June 27, 2011.

Legal Concerns in Today's Nursing Practice: How to Protect Your APRN License, UT School of Nursing—presentation to graduate nurses, Austin, Texas, April 18, 2011.

Legal Concerns in Today's Nursing Practice: How to Protect Your License in 2010, UT School of Nursing—presentation to graduate nurses, Austin, Texas, November 15, 2010.

Legal Concerns in Today's Nursing Practice: How to Protect Your License in 2010, 17th Annual CHAT Pediatric Nursing Conference, Austin, Texas, November 5, 2010.

Legal Concerns in Today's Nursing Practice: How to Protect Your License in 2009, 12th Annual Neurosymposium, Central Texas Chapter American Association of Neuroscience Nurses, Austin, Texas, November 13, 2009.

Avoiding Litigation: The CYA Guide, GrayCat Education Foundation, Austin, Texas, April 4, 2009.

What Every Nurse Should Know, Critical Care Consortium, Fort Worth, Texas, September 23, 2008.

Documentation: A Little Can Save A Lot, Gentiva Health Care Services, Austin, Texas, May 17, 2007.

What the Board of Nursing Can't or Won't Tell You, But Every Nurse Should Know, Medical Education Services, Inc., Jackson, Mississippi, April 27, 2007.

What the Board of Nursing Can't or Won't Tell You, But Every Nurse Should Know, Medical Education Services, Inc., Tupelo, Mississippi, April 26, 2007.

What the Board of Nursing Can't or Won't Tell You, But Every Nurse Should Know, Medical Education Services, Inc., Austin, Texas April 20, 2007.

What the Board of Nursing Can't or Won't Tell You, But Every Nurse Should Know, Medical Education Services, Inc., Tyler, Texas, April 19, 2007.

The Ultimate CYA: Practical Hints and Information for Getting a License and Keeping It, Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas, November 20, 2006.

How To Get Into Trouble, Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas, October 18, 2005.

What Every Nurse Should Know, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, March 8, 2005.

Documentation: Your Protection and Defense, Gentiva Health Care Services, Austin, Texas, February 8, 2005.

What Every Nurse Should Know, Medical Education Services, Inc., El Paso, Texas, February 21, 2003.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Macon, Georgia, December 6, 2002.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, December 5, 2002.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Augusta, Georgia, December 4, 2002.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Portland, Oregon, November 21, 2002.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Salem, Oregon, November 20, 2002.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Eugene, Oregon, November 19, 2002.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 11, 2002.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Oshkosh, Wisconsin, October 10, 2002.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Green Bay, Wisconsin, October 9, 2002.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Charleston, South Carolina, September 27, 2002.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Columbia, South Carolina, September 26, 2002.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Greenville, South Carolina, September 25, 2002.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Nashua, NH, June 7, 2002.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Warwick, RI, June 6, 2002.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Raleigh, NC, May 3, 2002.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Winston-Salem, NC, May 2, 2002.

Nursing Practice: What Every Nurse Should Know, Medical Education Services, Inc., McAllen, Texas, March 15, 2002.

Nuts and Bolts of PA Practice, Texas Academy of Physician Assistants, Fort Worth, Texas, February 16, 2002.

Documentation Dangers, Mercy Hospital, Roseburg, Oregon, February 11, 12, 28 and March 1, 2002.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Austin, Texas, February 8, 2002.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, February 7, 2002.

It's Your License, Keep It! A Risk Management Seminar for Nurses, Medical Education Services, Inc., Dallas, Texas, December 15, 2001.

It's Your License, Keep It! A Risk Management Seminar for Nurses, Medical Education Services, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas, December 14, 2001.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Skokie, Illinois, November 9, 2001.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Oak Lawn, Illinois, November 8, 2001.

Regulation, Risk Management and Ethics for PTs and PTAs. Texas Physical Therapy Association Annual Conference, Arlington, Texas, October 15, 2001.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Portland, Oregon, October 5, 2001.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Eugene, Oregon, October 4, 2001.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Scottsdale, Arizona, September 7, 2001.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Tucson, Arizona, September 6, 2001.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., El Paso, Texas, August 23, 2001.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Honolulu, Hawaii, August 3, 2001.

There is More to Know Than Just the Medicine, Texas Tech Physician Assistant Program, Midland, Texas, July 26, 2001.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska, June 22, 2001.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Lincoln, Nebraska, June 21, 2001.

When Bad Things Happen To Good Nurses: Jurisprudence, Ethics and Risk Management for Texas Nurses, Medical Legal Resources, Corpus Christi, Texas, May 5, 2001.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 30, 2001.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas, March 29, 2001.

Ten Stupid Things PAs Do To Mess Up Their Careers, Texas Association of Physician Assistants, Arlington, Texas, February 10, 2001.

Legal Aspects of Documentation, Medical Legal Resources, San Angelo, Texas, December 7, 2000.

Legal Aspects of Documentation, Medical Legal Resources, Austin, Texas, December 5, 2000.

Legal Aspects of Documentation, Medical Legal Resources, El Paso, Texas, December 1, 2000.

When Bad Things Happen To Good Nurses: Jurisprudence, Ethics and Risk Management for Texas Nurses, Medical Legal Resources, El Paso, Texas, November 30, 2000.

Legal Issues in Documentation, William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, Texas, November 29, 2000

Legal Aspects of Documentation, Medical Legal Resources, Brownsville, Texas, November 16, 2000.

When Bad Things Happen To Good Nurses: Jurisprudence, Ethics and Risk Management for Texas Nurses, Medical Legal Resources, McAllen, Texas, November 15, 2000.

When Bad Things Happen To Good Nurses: Jurisprudence, Ethics and Risk Management for Texas Nurses, Medical Legal Resources, Austin, Texas, November 10, 2000.

Legal Aspects of Documentation, Medical Legal Resources, Killeen, Texas, October 2, 2000.

Legal Aspects of Documentation, Medical Legal Resources, Victoria, Texas, October 1, 2000.

Legal Aspects of Documentation, Medical Legal Resources, College Station, Texas, October 10, 2000.

When Bad Things Happen To Good Nurses: Jurisprudence, Ethics and Risk Management for Texas Nurses, Medical Legal Resources, San Antonio, Texas, September 14, 2000.

Legal Aspects of Documentation, Medical Legal Resources, San Antonio, Texas, September 15, 2000.

When Bad Things Happen To Good Nurses: Jurisprudence, Ethics and Risk Management for Texas Nurses, Medical Legal Resources, Waco, Texas, October 6, 2000.

When Bad Things Happen To Good Nurses: Jurisprudence, Ethics and Risk Management for Texas Nurses, Medical Legal Resources, Midland, Texas, October 5, 2000.

Legal Aspects of Documentation, Medical Legal Resources, Corpus Christi, Texas, September 8, 2000.

When Bad Things Happen To Good Nurses: Jurisprudence, Ethics and Risk Management for Texas Nurses, Medical Legal Resources, Laredo, Texas, September 7, 2000.

Nursing Liability: Understanding and Intervening, Valley Baptist Medical Center, Harlingen, Texas, August 31, 2000.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Legal Resources, Fort Worth Texas, August 25, 2000.

Nursing Liability: Understanding and Intervening, All Saints Medical Center, Fort Worth, Texas, August 24, 2000.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Waco, Texas, June 9, 2000.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Arlington, Texas, June 8, 2000.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Midland, Texas, May 20, 2000.

It's Your License, Keep It! A Risk Management Seminar for Nurses, Medical Education Services, Inc., El Paso, Texas, May 19, 2000.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Lubbock, Texas, May 13, 2000.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Amarillo, Texas, May 12, 2000.

Nursing Liability: Understanding and Intervening, All Saints Medical Center, Fort Worth, Texas, May 4, 2000

It's Your License, Keep It! A Risk Management Seminar for Nurses, Medical Education Services, Inc., Victoria, Texas, April 29, 2000.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, April 28, 2000.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Dallas, Texas, March 31, 2000.

Nursing Liability: Understanding and Intervening, Hendrick Medical Center Education Department, Abilene, Texas, March 24, 2000.

An Owner's Manual For The Physician Assistant Licensing Act, Texas Academy of Physician Assistants, Arlington, Texas, March 4, 2000.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Houston, Texas, February 26, 2000.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Corpus Christi, Texas, February 25, 2000.

It's Your License, Keep It! A Risk Management Seminar for Nurses, Medical Education Services, Inc., Sherman, Texas, February 12, 2000.

It's Your License, Keep It! A Risk Management Seminar for Nurses, Medical Education Services, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas, February 11, 2000.

It's Your License, Keep It! A Risk Management Seminar for Nurses, Medical Education Services, Inc., Austin, Texas, January 22, 2000.

It's Your License, Keep It! A Risk Management Seminar for Nurses, Medical Education Services, Inc., College Station, Texas, January 21, 2000.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Longview, Texas, December 3, 1999.

It's Your License, Keep It! A Risk Management Seminar for Nurses, Medical Education Services, Inc., Longview, Texas, December 2, 1999.

Documentation Dangers, Medical Education Services, Inc., Abilene, Texas, November 16, 1999.

It's Your License, Keep It! A Risk Management Seminar for Nurses, Medical Education Services, Inc., Lubbock, Texas, November 15, 1999.

It's Your License, Keep It! A Risk Management Seminar for Nurses, Medical Education Services, Inc., McAllen, Texas, November 5, 1999.

It's Your License, Keep It! A Risk Management Seminar for Nurses, Medical Education Services, Inc., Laredo, Texas, November 4, 1999.

It's Your License, Keep It! A Risk Management Seminar for Nurses, Medical Education Services, Inc., Waco, Texas, October 22, 1999.

It's Your License, Keep It! A Risk Management Seminar for Nurses, Medical Education Services, Inc., Beaumont, Texas, October 21, 1999.

It's Your License, Keep It! A Risk Management Seminar for Nurses, Medical Education Services, Inc., Amarillo, Texas, October 9, 1999.

It's Your License, Keep It! A Risk Management Seminar for Nurses, Medical Education Services, Inc., Wichita Falls, Texas, October 8, 1999.

It's Your License, Keep It! A Risk Management Seminar for Nurses, Medical Education Services, Inc., Odessa, Texas, June 18, 1999.

It's Your License, Keep It! A Risk Management Seminar for Nurses, Medical Education Services, Inc., Abilene, Texas, June 17, 1999.

Nursing Jurisprudence, MEDCO Associates, Inc., Waco, Texas, February 5, 1999.

Working With Physician Assistants Under Texas Laws, Greater Houston Critical Care Association, Houston, Texas, January 19, 1999.

Confidentiality of Medical Records, Medical Educational Services, Inc., Austin, December 10, 1998.

It's Your License, Keep It! A Risk Management Seminar for Nurses, Medical/Legal Resources, Austin, Texas, May 9, 1998,

It's Your License, Keep It! A Risk Management Seminar for Nurses, Medical/Legal Resources, Austin, Texas, April 4, 1998,

It's Your License, Keep It! A Risk Management Seminar for Nurses, Medical/Legal Resources, Austin, Texas, July 18, 1997.

Texas State Board of Physician Assistant Examiners, Texas Academy of Physician Assistants Annual Meeting, Dallas, Texas, May 1997.

Advanced Practice Nurses - The Impact of Regulation on Practice, Texas State Board of Nurse Examiners, Advance Practice Nurse Workshop, Dallas, Texas, April 13, 1997.

Advanced Practice Nurses - The Impact of Regulation on Practice, Texas State Board of Nurse Examiners, Advance Practice Nurse Workshop, Austin, Texas, September 1996.

Physician Assistants, Greater Houston Society for Medical Staff Services, Houston, Texas, May 1996.