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## WELCOME

Dear Colleagues:

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Board of The American Association of Nurse Attorneys (TAANA) and the TAANA Foundation, to welcome you to the 31st Annual Meeting & Educational Conference in New Orleans, La. The Conference Planning Committee has developed a rich educational conference and networking opportunities that will add to the cutting-edge information you can implement in your practice immediately. I encourage you to participate in one or more of the Optional Events, selecting from such hard-to-decide opportunities as *walking tours of the French Quarter and Garden District, a jazz dinner cruise, a harbor cruise, and the famous Oak Alley Plantation*. We're glad you're here!

The Educational Conference will begin Thursday afternoon, October 25, followed by the Welcome Reception that will include the presentation of the TAANA Foundation Community Grant award. On Friday, October 26, we begin our conference with the keynote address "Nursing Licensure Compact: Past, Present & Future." The Annual Business Meeting & Luncheon, graciously sponsored by NSO, will include the presentation of TAANA awards and a discussion of proposed changes to the bylaws. Friday evening we will have an optional dinner jazz cruise on an authentic steamboat. Attendees can savor the beauty and romance of the New Orleans skyline.

On Saturday, October 27, we begin with keynote speaker Mark Majek, Director of Operations, Texas Board of Nursing who will discuss Criminal Background Checks of Nurses & Nursing Students. Our conference concludes with a fascinating presentation on Disaster Medicine & Louisiana's Post Katrina Statutory Reform presented by Richard T. Simmons, Jr., Esq., who represented the physician that faced civil and criminal charges stemming from her treatment of patients during the Hurricane Katrina crisis.

We're glad you joined us to be a part of this exceptional conference in an exceptional city!

Sincerely Yours,

Nancy Hoffman, RN, JD  
TAANA 2012 President

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## ABOUT TAANA

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#### TAANA Past Presidents

- |                             |                           |                          |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1983 – Cynthia E. Northrop* | 1993 – Tonia D. Aiken     | 2003 – Penny G. Westfall |
| 1984 – Cynthia E. Northrop* | 1994 – Linda M. E. Auton  | 2004 – Joanne P. Sheehan |
| 1985 – Diane Trace Warlick  | 1995 – Julie M. Bargnesi  | 2005 – Susan E. Ziel     |
| 1986 – Mary Kelly           | 1996 – Diane M. Rodriguez | 2006 – Cynthia A. Mikos  |
| 1987 – Katherine J. Pohlman | 1997 – M. Jeanne Trott    | 2007 – Janet Feldkamp    |
| 1988 – Katherine J. Pohlman | 1998 – Davia Solomon      | 2008 – Rosemary McCarthy |
| 1989 – Katherine J. Pohlman | 1999 – Sally N. Austin    | 2009 – Rosemary McCarthy |
| 1990 – Mary Powers Antoine  | 2000 – Andrea Gansheimer  | 2010 – Kathleen McCormac |
| 1991 – Mary Todd Cotton     | 2001 – Diane Kjervik      | 2011 – Edie Brous        |
| 1992 – Karen Shedd Guarino  | 2002 – Virginia Fleming*  | *Deceased                |

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## Vision Statement

Advocating excellence and creating opportunities for nurse attorneys.

## Mission Statement

The American Association of Nurse Attorneys, Inc. (TAANA) provides resources, education, and leadership to its members and the health care and legal communities regarding health law and policy.

## TAANA AWARDS

The **CYNTHIA NORTHROP DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD** recognizes an individual member's leadership role in, and significant contribution to TAANA as an association. The award serves as an expression of gratitude for the member's committed leadership, participation in, and contributions to the purposes of TAANA and its growth as the professional association for nurse attorneys. The Cynthia Northrop Distinguished Service Award is named for the founder and first president of TAANA.

The **OUTSTANDING ADVOCATE AWARD** recognizes an individual member's outstanding legal advocacy. The Awards Committee recognizes that a nurse attorney can be an advocate in varied ways: impacting legislation, authoring works, achieving significant legal rulings, etc. The award is intended to give recognition to a member whose legal theories, strategies, and abilities demonstrate outstanding advocacy.

The **OUTSTANDING CHAPTER AWARD** recognizes one TAANA chapter each year that has demonstrated excellence in providing resources, education, and leadership to its members and the health care and legal communities.

The **OUTSTANDING SECTION MEMBER AWARD** recognizes one TAANA section member each year that has demonstrated excellence in providing resources, education, and leadership to the section members, the health care and legal communities, and to TAANA.

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR DECORUM

Continuing education sessions at the Annual Conference, seminars, teleseminars and webinars are provided as learning opportunities for the membership of TAANA and its guests. Participants are required to treat presenters and fellow participants with the utmost respect and decorum. Clarifying questions, questions and answers and healthy debate are encouraged when appropriate.

Should a participant become disruptive to the learning environment, he or she may be asked by a member of the Board or Executive Office to be quiet, leave the presentation, or may take other appropriate action. Disruptive participants who continue to disrespect the learning environment may be asked to leave the event without refund or recourse.



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## TAANA FOUNDATION

TAANA Foundation is a charitable affiliated organization of TAANA and was separately incorporated in 1984 as a non-profit organization which operates exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes and provides financial support in the furtherance of charitable purposes.

### Silent Auction

Since 1991 TAANA Foundation has held a Silent Auction at the TAANA Annual Educational Conference as a fundraiser in support of the Foundation's purposes.

### TAANA Foundation Community Grant

Since 2004 TAANA Foundation has chosen a community service agency in the locality of the annual conference as recipient of a grant in recognition of services provided to that area's vulnerable populations.

### This Year's Recipient is: Health Law Advocates of Louisiana (HLA/LA)

This is the only nonprofit public interest law firm in Louisiana dedicated exclusively to health care access. Launched in February 2010, HLA/LA provides free legal representation and assistance to low and middle income residents, many of whom are children, elderly, or those coping with disabilities. HLA/LA strives to make a difference in the lives of ordinary people who simply are unable to cut through legal, administrative or financial barriers to obtaining needed health care treatment. In addition to direct representation of individual clients, HLA/LA collaborates with grassroots organizations to promote expanded access to health care throughout Louisiana. [www.hlalouisiana.org](http://www.hlalouisiana.org).

### Mary Eleanor McGarvah Award

The Foundation established a humanitarian award in honor of Mary Eleanor McGarvah, the first nurse attorney. The award is granted to an individual or group that has made a significant contribution to the development of health law, nursing and policy. Naming the award in honor of Mary Eleanor McGarvah is recognition of her contribution to the public's health and to society in her role of attorney and public health nurse.

### This Year's Recipient of the McGarvah Award is S. Stephen ("Steve") Rosenfeld, Esq.

Is the founder of Health Law Advocates of Louisiana (HLA/LA). Steve is a health access lawyer, who has represented hundreds of individuals and groups in litigation challenging barriers to health care. He founded Health Law Advocates of Massachusetts in 1996, the organization after which HLA/LA is modeled. In 2007 Steve came to Louisiana as a result of Hurricane Katrina and the subsequent closure of Charity Hospital in New Orleans and never left.



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## Cynthia Ellen Northrop New Advocate Award

The Foundation established this award to give student and new graduate TAANA members an opportunity to attend the TAANA Annual Educational Conference where recipients can increase their health care and legal knowledge and develop new skills.

## TAANA Foundation Trustees

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## AGENDA

### TAANA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Friday, October 26, 2012

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

InterContinental Hotel

New Orleans, La.

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|---|-----------------------|
| <b>I. Call to Order</b>                   | Nancy Hoffman         |
| <b>II. Officers Reports</b>               |                       |
| A. President                              | Nancy Hoffman         |
| B. President Elect                        | Kathleen Murphy-Jones |
| C. Corresponding Secretary                | Phyllis Gallagher     |
| D. Recording Secretary                    | Paula Henry           |
| E. Treasurer                              | Teresa Sanzio         |
| <b>III. Committee Reports</b>             |                       |
| A. Archives                               | Trudy Kiaunis         |
| B. Chapter Presidents Council             | Kathy Mancusi         |
| C. Past Presidents Club                   | Kathleen McCormack    |
| D. Conference Planning                    | Kathleen Murphy       |
| E. Nominations & Elections                | Edie Brous            |
| <b>IV. TAANA Foundation</b>               | Trudy Kiaunis         |
| <b>V. New/Other Business</b>              | Nancy Hoffman         |
| A. Review/Discuss Proposed Bylaws Changes |                       |
| <b>VI. Awards Ceremony</b>                | Rosemary McCarthy     |
| <b>VII. Adjournment</b>                   | Nancy Hoffman         |

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## TAANA 2011 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Friday, November 11 11:45 a.m.–1:10 p.m. PT  
Hyatt at Olive 8  
Seattle, Wash.

### MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

- I. **Call to Order.** President Edie Brous called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. Pacific Time.
- II. **Officers Reports**

- A. President

Edie Brous introduced the Board of Directors and TAANA's Executive Director Dede Gish-Panjada. Edie walked the attendees through the electronic and social media currently being used by TAANA, including the improved TAANA website. The website features events, calls for papers, calls for nominations, and announcements. Visitors can browse the site, and a members-only section has special resources only for members. The site announces that the 2012 Annual Conference will be held in New Orleans. Links to TAANA position papers, such as those on Violence in the Workplace (written by Edie Brous with AALNC), Criminalization of Error, Due Process and other topics will be posted. Edie invited members to submit topics for position papers. Amicus briefs can also be posted and made available. Edie would like TAANA to become known for taking positions on legal topics affecting health care, so that legislators and policy makers will seek out TAANA's positions. The 25th Anniversary slide show is also featured on the website. Edie invited members to send pictures to her to post on our website. TAANA is also on Facebook and Twitter. The Texas Chapter was congratulated by Edie for its many activities.

- B. President-Elect

Nancy Hoffman reported that the 30th Annual Meeting and Education Conference is going well. Nancy said she is honored to have been asked to serve as President for 2012. She said TAANA members are more "colleagues" than just "members." Nancy challenged each member to find another member to bring to next year's meeting in New Orleans. She welcomes emails from members.

Nancy thanked the 2011 Planning Committee who helped make the Seattle meeting another outstanding event: Kathleen Murphy Jones; Jonathan Stewart; Kevin Murphy; Kathleen McCormac; Rosemary McCarthy; Paula Grant; and Edie Brous.

- C. Recording Secretary

Phyllis Gallagher asked for approval of the minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting. The minutes were approved as written.



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- D. Corresponding Secretary  
Teresa Sanzio asked for news for the TAANA e-news.
- E. Treasurer  
Kathy Mancusi thanked Accounting Coordinator Liz Martin for her help in reporting and analyzing TAANA's financial statements. Kathy invited members to think about and suggest ways to get maximum effect from our revenue. She reminded members that the budget is approved in January. One idea that has been suggested is to find less expensive venues at which to hold our annual conference.

### III. Committee Reports

- A. Archive Committee  
Trudy Kiaunis said the Archives Committee welcomes archival materials. Donations for preparing and submitting material to the archives are needed and are welcome.
- B. Nominations and Elections  
The results of the ballot vote for four Board of Directors positions was announced by Nancy Hoffman. They are: Nancy Hoffman, Jon Stewart, Melanie Balestra, and Kathy Mancusi. The President-elect announced her executive officers: They are: Kathleen Murphy Jones, President-Elect; Teresa Sanzio, Treasurer; Paula Henry, Recording Secretary; and Phyllis Gallagher, Corresponding Secretary.
- C. Chapter Presidents Council  
Kathy Mancusi reported that there have been two phone conferences and one meeting (a breakfast meeting here in Seattle) of the chapter presidents. The main topic has been how to encourage membership in TAANA.

### IV. TAANA Foundation (TAANAF)

Trudy Kiaunis asked members to bid at the silent auction. The proceeds of this auction benefit the Foundation. This year, the TAANA Foundation presented its community service award to Seattle Cancer Care Alliance (SCCA), a cancer treatment center that has treated nearly 5,000 patients in 2010.

### V. Awards Ceremony

Rosemary McCarthy announced the following awards:

- The Cynthia Northrop Distinguished Service Award to Randi Kopf;
- The Outstanding Advocate Award to Taralynn Mackay;
- The Outstanding Litigation Section Award to Nancy Roper Wilson;
- The Outstanding Education Section Award to Melinda Mitchell Jones;
- The Outstanding Health Law and Compliance Section Award to Patricia Blair.

### VI. Closing Ceremony

Kathy McCormac presented a gift to outgoing President, Edie Brous, expressing the gratitude of TAANA members, and commenting, "She has taken us to the next frontier."

### VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

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Please visit the exhibit hall and thank the exhibitors for their continued support and commitment to TAANA.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### The Hotel

The InterContinental Hotel is the official hotel of the TAANA Annual Meeting & Education Conference. Use the following contact information while you are staying at the hotel:

InterContinental Hotel  
444 St. Charles Ave.  
New Orleans, LA 70130  
504-525-5566

<http://www.intercontinental.com>

### Name Badges

When attending conference events, please wear your name badge at all times to clearly indicate that you are a TAANA Annual Meeting attendee and to assist others in getting to know you. This conference allows many opportunities to meet your colleagues and network.

### Going Green—The Annual Meeting Handouts are Online

Conference attendees have been provided with online links enabling them to access a greatly increased wealth of session information, because speakers can now share additional resources (including post-conference resources) because the printed handbook space restrictions no longer apply. All meeting handouts received are available online at:

[http://taanamember.goamp.com/TaanaWCM/MemberServices/Conference\\_2012/TaanaWCM/Conference\\_2012.aspx](http://taanamember.goamp.com/TaanaWCM/MemberServices/Conference_2012/TaanaWCM/Conference_2012.aspx)

and all updated handouts will be posted within two weeks after the conference.

### Attire

Attire for this educational meeting is business casual. As with most events, the temperature in different meeting rooms tends to vary. We recommend that you dress in layers to accommodate the variance in temperatures.

### Americans With Disabilities

If you need any additional assistance, please contact TAANA staff so that we may assist you.

### Disclaimer

If TAANA cannot hold the 31st Annual Meeting & Educational Conference due to acts of God, war, government regulations, disaster, civil disorder or curtailment of transportation facilitating other emergencies making it inadvisable, illegal, or impossible to provide the facilities or to hold the meeting, each prepaid attendee will receive a copy of the conference handouts and any other materials that would have been distributed. Fixed conference expenses will be paid from the pre-registration funds. Remaining funds will be refunded to pre-registrants. TAANA is not responsible for any other costs incurred by pre-registrants in connection with the conference. The views and opinions expressed by presenters are their own and do not necessarily represent those of TAANA. TAANA disclaims any responsibility for the use and application of information presented at this conference.



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### The Who, What & Where for Your Safety & Well-Being

We encourage you to enjoy yourself at the Hyatt at Olive 8 but use sensible precautions when leaving the hotel premises. Although we would all like to believe the world to be a safe, trusting place, we have a responsibility to ourselves and others to use common sense. We suggest the following safety tips:

- Do not display large amounts of money to anyone.
- Do not provide strangers with your room number or other information.
- Do not venture into dark, remote areas, if traveling alone.
- Do not open your hotel room door for unexpected deliveries.
- Do not leave personal belongings in meeting rooms.
- Do let someone know your destination and approximate time of return.
- Do be observant and aware of your surroundings.
- Do bring your money, credit cards, and other valuables when you leave your hotel room.
- Do remove your name badge when you leave the hotel.
- In case of emergency, notify the hotel and dial 911.
- For any emergency or concern, notify a member of the TAANA staff as soon as possible.

### Registration Desk Hours

The registration desk will be open during the following hours for your questions.

**Wednesday, October 24**

**7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, October 25**

**9:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.**

**Friday, October 26**

**8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and**

**1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

*Closed during Annual Business Meeting/Awards Luncheon*

**Saturday, October 27**

**8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**



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## CONTACT HOURS

**Nursing and Legal Education Contact Hours** Nursing Continuing Education (CE) and Continuing Legal Education (CLE) contact hours will be provided at the conclusion to those who attend the meeting. **Attendance at the pre-conference workshop and Annual Conference and completion of the evaluation/survey are required to successfully complete the workshop and/or Annual Conference.** The continuing education component of the document will become official upon completion of the online evaluation. This document will also serve as the Certificate of Attendance.

**Online Evaluation** On Monday, October 29, 2012, you will receive an e-mail with a link to the online meeting evaluation. If you do not receive the e-mail after the end of the Annual Conference, please contact TAANA staff to ensure your e-mail address is correct. The deadline to complete the electronic evaluation is **November 12, 2012.**

As in past years, you will be responsible for tracking the number of hours you attended. For your convenience, the contact hours are noted for each session on the contact hour tracking sheet at the end of book and in the online evaluation. **NOTE: To validate your Annual Conference Continuing Education and Attendance Certificate, complete the evaluation for only those sessions you attended.** Even if you do not require contact hour credit, we kindly ask that you complete the electronic evaluation as your comments and suggestions are very valuable to us.

**Nursing Credits** This continuing nursing education activity has been approved through Melanie L. Balestra, NP, Esq, Cummins & White, LLP, California Board of Registered Nursing Continuing Education Provider No. CEP 15750 for 18.75 total contact hours (Pre-conference Workshops 3.75 and 3.75 and Annual Conference 11.25).

**Continuing Legal Education Credits** This program has been approved by the Supreme Court of Louisiana (Committee on Mandatory Continuing Legal Education) to award 16.0 total CLE hour(s), with 0.00 of ethics, 0.00 of professionalism and 0.00 of substance abuse instruction (Pre-conference Workshop 3.75 and Annual Conference 12.25). The State of Louisiana requires the included form must be completed and returned within 30 days of the meeting for credit. Please return to the TAANA office. Activity Number: 5147121024

**Conference Purpose** The purpose of this program is to enhance the skills and knowledge of the health law professionals in the management of, counseling about, and litigation of topics including but not limited to health care regulatory compliance; e-discovery; the criminalization of malpractice; professional liability policies; recovery of damages in medical malpractice cases; advance practice nursing; medical professionals in the courtroom; advocating health care justice; legal issues of prescribing controlled substances for advance practice nurses; intentional violations of professional practice and its implications; the thin line between nursing and practicing medicine; strategies for preventing lawsuits; and dealing with traumatic medical error.



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## TAANA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Time	Event	Location
<b>Wednesday, October 24</b>		
7:30 AM - 3:30 PM	Registration Open	Cabildo Foyer
8:00 AM - 5:30 PM	<b>Preconference Workshop Sessions</b>	
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	When the Board of Registered Nursing Comes Calling – What Every Nurse Should Know	Cabildo
1:30 PM - 5:30 PM	The Six Main Reasons the Nurse is Disciplined by the Board of Registered Nursing	Cabildo
<b>Thursday, October 25</b>		
9:00 AM - 4:15 PM	Registration Open	Cabildo Foyer
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM <i>Departs at 9:30 AM</i>	Garden District Walking Tour	Gray Line Lighthouse Ticket Office – Toulouse Street Wharf behind Jackson Brewery
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM <i>Departs at 10:00 AM</i>	French Quarter Walking Tour	Gray Line Lighthouse Ticket Office – Toulouse Street Wharf behind Jackson Brewery
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	TAANA Board of Directors Meeting	Pontalba
1:00 PM	Welcome and Opening	Cabildo
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Keeping the C-Suite Out of the Hot Seat: Management Liability Issues	Cabildo
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Social Media: Friend or Foe?	Cabildo
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Exhibits & Silent Auction Open	Vieux Carre
3:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Refreshment Break	Vieux Carre
3:15 PM - 4:15 PM	Growing Your Law Practice – Marketing Strategies for Nurse Attorneys	Cabildo
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Welcome Reception & TAANA Foundation Community Grant Presentation	Vieux Carre
6:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Dinner on your own	
<b>Friday, October 26</b>		
8:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Registration Open	Cabildo Foyer
7:30 AM - 6:30 PM	Exhibits & Silent Auction Open	Vieux Carre
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast	Vieux Carre
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Chapter President’s Breakfast	Pontalba
8:30 AM - 8:45 AM	Announcements & Updates	Cabildo
8:45 AM - 9:45 AM	Keynote: Nursing Licensure Compact – Past, Present & Future	Cabildo

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9:45 AM - 10:45 AM	Nurse Participation in Healthcare Fraud	Cabildo
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	Refreshment Break	Vieux Carre
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Perspectives on License Defense Claims	Cabildo
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	TAANA Annual Business Meeting Luncheon & Awards Presentation	Vieux Carre
1:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Registration Open	Cabildo Foyer
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Retirement Plans Undressed – What Every Professional Needs To Know	Cabildo
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Safety Issues & Implications for Managing Disruptive Patients	Cabildo
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Refreshment Break	Vieux Carre
3:45 PM - 4:45 PM	Trends in Drugs of Abuse – The Drugs, the Demographics, and the Implications for the Nurse Attorney	Cabildo
4:45 PM - 5:45 PM	Risk Managers & Just Culture – Advocates or Saboteurs?	Cabildo
6:00 PM	Silent Auction Closes	Vieux Carre
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM <i>Departs at 7:00 PM</i>	Optional Event: Dinner Jazz Cruise <i>Dinner seating at 7:45 PM</i>	Gray Line Lighthouse Ticket Office – Toulouse Street Wharf behind Jackson Brewery
<b>Saturday, October 27</b>		
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	TAANA Sections & Committees Continental Breakfast	Vieux Carre
8:30 AM - 12:15 PM	Registration Open	Cabildo Foyer
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Keynote: Criminal Background Checks of Nurses and Nursing Students	Cabildo
9:30 AM - 9:45 AM	Refreshment Break	
9:45 AM - 10:45 AM	Navigating the Federal Tort Claims Act in Medical Malpractice Legal Advocacy	Cabildo
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## DAY-AT-A-GLANCE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

Time	Event	Location
9:00 AM - 4:15 PM	Registration Open	Cabildo Foyer
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM <i>Departs at 9:30 AM</i>	Garden District Walking Tour	Gray Line Lighthouse Ticket Office – Toulouse Street Wharf behind Jackson Brewery
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM <i>Departs at 10:00 AM</i>	French Quarter Walking Tour	Gray Line Lighthouse Ticket Office – Toulouse Street Wharf behind Jackson Brewery
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3:15 PM - 4:15 PM	Growing Your Law Practice – Marketing Strategies for Nurse Attorneys	Cabildo
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Welcome Reception & TAANA Foundation Community Grant Presentation	Vieux Carre
6:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Dinner on your own	

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS Thursday, October 25

**1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

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**GENERAL SESSION**

### **Keeping the C-Suite Out of the Hot Seat: Management Liability Issues**

*Amanda Mount, RN, BASN, JD, CPHRM*

*Crys Blankenship*

1.0 Contact Hour/1.0 CLE

Objectives:

1. Explain how to assess the risk liability of a healthcare executive/leader.
2. Identify the optimum type of healthcare risk insurance coverage for three different healthcare entities.
3. Discuss how to reduce litigation exposure for a healthcare executive/leader.

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**2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Social Media: Friend or Foe?**

*Kathleen M. Kearney, RN, MSN, JD*

1.0 Contact Hour/1.0 CLE

Objectives:

1. Identify and explain various forms of social media used by lawyers, clients, nurses and patients on a daily basis.
2. Identify and discuss implications of personal and professional social media use by nurses and other healthcare employees.
3. Identify methods of protecting patient privacy, confidentiality and safety.
4. Identify benefits of social media use by lawyers.
5. Identify and explain implications of social media use by plaintiffs, defendants, parties and witnesses.

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**3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.**

**Growing Your Law Practice: Marketing Strategies for Nurse Attorneys**

*Lorie Brown, RN, MN, JD*

Objectives

1. Describe needs-based marketing.
2. Develop a marketing pie.
3. Develop referral sources.



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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

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7:30 AM - 6:30 PM	Exhibits & Silent Auction Open	Vieux Carre
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast	Vieux Carre
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Chapter President's Breakfast	Pontalba
8:30 AM - 8:45 AM	Announcements & Updates	Cabildo
8:45 AM - 9:45 AM	Keynote: Nursing Licensure Compact – Past, Present & Future	Cabildo
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10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	Refreshment Break	Vieux Carre
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Perspectives on License Defense Claims	Cabildo
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	TAANA Annual Business Meeting Luncheon & Awards Presentation	Vieux Carre
1:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Registration Open	Cabildo Foyer
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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS Friday, October 26

**8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**

### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

#### **Nursing Licensure Compact: Past, Present and Future**

*Richard Masters, Esq.*

*Jody Ridenour, RN, MN, FAAN*

1.25 Contact Hours/1.25 CLEs

#### Objectives:

1. Understand past history and important of compacts and how the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) benefits licensees.
2. Describe how the NLC presently works and how the compact impacts the regulation of nursing/the Board of Nursing and predict future challenges.

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**9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

### **GENERAL SESSION**

#### **Nurse Participation in Healthcare Fraud**

*Robert P. Esgro, R.Ph, Esq.*

1.0 Contact Hour/1.0 CLE

#### Objectives:

1. Discuss and review the basics of fraud, waste and abuse.
2. Examine what fraudulent claims cost the healthcare system and risks to patient care.
3. Review how a case is prosecuted.
4. Identify who the major and minor contributors are to healthcare fraud.
5. Present recent cases involving nurses and nursing homes that participate in fraud.

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**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

### **Perspectives on License Defense Claims**

*Loretta D'Antonio, MBA, BS*

1.0 Contact Hour/1.0 CLE

#### Objectives:

1. Discuss license protection coverage for nurses and allied health practitioners.
2. Discuss the frequency of license defense claims.
3. Explain BON outcomes and average defense expenses.



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**1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

## **Retirement Plans Undressed: What Every Professional Needs to Know**

*Kenneth Marblestone, Esq.*

1.0 CLE

Objectives:

1. Understand the purposes for sponsoring a 401(k) plan in professional practice.
2. Recognize that 401(k) plans are not a commodity, although that is how they are sold to professional practices.
3. Dispel the myths commonly believed about 401(k) plans.

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**2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

## **Safety Issues & Implications for Managing Disruptive Patients**

*Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt, BSN, JD*

1.0 Contact Hour/1.0 CLE

Objectives:

1. Discuss instances of safety issues for patients and nurses in Emergency Departments or clinical settings.
2. Understand the implications of utilizing law enforcement personnel or security teams to assist with disruptive or verbally/physically abusive patients and identify proper interventions.
3. Compliance with EMTALA strategy and skill development.
4. Corrective action and risk management strategies.
5. Effective responses to regulatory enforcement.

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**3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.**

## **Trends in Drugs of Abuse: The Drugs, the Demographics and the Implications for the Nurse Attorney**

*Elizabeth VandeWaa, PhD*

1.0 Contact Hour/1.0 CLE

Objectives:

1. Discuss the effects of both stimulant and depressant drugs of abuse.
2. Examine trends of abuse in the U.S. and across the lifespan.
3. Identify new drugs of abuse, including prescription drugs.
4. Define methods of drug testing.



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**4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.**

## **Risk Managers & Just Culture: Advocates or Saboteurs?**

*Jonathan D. Stewart, JD, MS, RN, CPHRM, CPPS*

1.0 Contact Hour/1.0 CLE

### Objectives:

1. Discuss the role of error narratives in nursing disciplinary proceedings and malpractice litigation.
2. Describe the concept of “distal nursing” and its implication for patient safety and quality.



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS Saturday, October 27

**8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

#### **Criminal Background Checks of Nurses and Nursing Students**

*Mark Majek, MA, PHR*

1.0 Contact Hour/1.0 CLE

Objectives:

1. Summarize the history of student criminal background checks.
2. Break down the legal environment of student criminal background checks.
3. Interpret statistical data on student criminal background checks.
4. Describe the regulatory decision making model.

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**9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

### **GENERAL SESSION**

#### **Navigating the Federal Tort Claims Act in Medical Malpractice Legal Advocacy**

*Yuri N. Walker, RN, JD, MPH*

1.0 Contact Hour/1.0 CLE

Objectives:

1. Discuss the history and background of the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA).
2. List the requirements that must be met to sue under the FTCA.
3. Describe the elements needed to successfully prove negligence under the FTCA.
4. Describe the steps in filing an administrative claim and exhausting administrative remedies under the FTCA.
5. Describe the difference in filing suit in state court vs federal court.
6. Discuss the professional implications for the medical provider under the FTCA.

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**10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

#### **Disaster Medicine and Louisiana's Post-Katrina Statutory Reform**

*Richard T. Simmons Jr.*

1.0 Contact Hour/1.0 CLE

Objectives:

1. Identify tactics for medical personnel during a natural disaster.
2. Identify current legislation that will provide additional protection for healthcare workers and patients during disasters.



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## CONFERENCE FACULTY

### Crys Blankenship

Crys Blankenship is Executive Vice President, National Healthcare Practice Leader with McGriff, Seibels & Williams, Inc. Is a graduate of the University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette.

Crys has over 25 years of experience working with national risk management healthcare clients including LTC, hospital systems, staffing companies, universities and CRO's. Crys has developed carried alternative risk solutions designed to enhance clients financial and risk management outcomes. Serves as a consultant to a number of large healthcare systems and insurance companies. Crys has authored Carrier and Client policy forms and is a reinsurance broker.

### Lorie Brown, RN, MN, JD

Lorie A. Brown graduated from Indiana University School of nursing with a BSN in 1982. She then attended the University of California at Los Angeles school of nursing and obtained a master's degree. She actively practiced nursing for twelve years in various areas such as medical-surgical nursing, gynecology, urology, neurosurgery, orthopedics, general surgery and home health care. Ms. Brown then attended Indiana University school of law and obtained her J.D. in 1990 and has developed the Get More Cases Home Study System, a step-by-step system to help entrepreneurial nurses to grow their business.

After law school, Ms. Brown was employed at the Department of Insurance defending the interests of the Patient's Compensation Fund. For the next six years, Ms. Brown defended physicians and hospitals for medical malpractice. Ms. Brown now focuses her practice on assisting plaintiff attorneys with medical issues in their cases. Because of her defense experience, she looks at cases with a critical eye and because of her relationship with hundreds of physicians throughout the state, she is able to locate expert witnesses in several different specialties.

### Loretta D'Antonio, MBA, BS

Loretta D'Antonio has both business and higher education experience. Currently she serves as Vice President of the Healthcare Division of Aon Affinity Insurance Services. Her specialty is Professional Liability Insurance. Ms. D'Antonio works in customer service retention as well as identifying new client segments and strategic processes.

Loretta has taught in the Health Services Administration Program for Drexel University covering topics of leadership, marketing, partnerships and managed care. She has also instructed students in the MBA program on business topics such as management, marketing, research and ethics.

Loretta received her bachelor's degree Spanish with a Business Minor from Rosemont College in Pennsylvania. She received her MBA in marketing at Saint Joseph's University in Pennsylvania. Her education also includes achieving certifications in various related areas and is currently pursuing CPHRM certification.

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## **Robert P. Esgro, R.Ph. Esq.**

Robert P. Esgro is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Wedener University Law School. He has experience in the pharmaceutical industry and retail pharmacy. Mr. Esgro's law practice is located in Villanova, Pa., which concentrates on licensing and criminal matters involving nurses and pharmacists.

## **Kathleen M. Kearney, RN, MSN, JD**

Kathleen M. Kearney graduated from Boston College in 2000. After working as a pediatric nurse in Dallas for a few years, she returned to Boston, joined TAANA and graduated from Suffolk University Law School in 2005. Kathleen went on to earn her MSN from Emory University in Atlanta before heading back to Dallas. She is a senior associate at Lenahan Law Firm and represents plaintiffs all over Texas in severe personal injury and wrongful death cases related to car wrecks, trucking accidents, assaults and work injuries not covered by workers comp. Kathleen is also an online instructor for Texas Tech's RN to BSN program and especially enjoys facilitating Legal and Ethical Issues for RNs. Kathleen has been named a 2012 Texas Super Lawyers Rising Star but is more proud of her role as a Big Sister in Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Texas over the last six years.

## **Kenneth Marblestone, Esq.**

Kenneth Marblestone is a Principal of the MandMarblestone Group LLC, a Philadelphia-based tax law consulting firm that designs, administers and consults on qualified retirement plans. The firm works with clients across the country who want to maximize contributions to 401(k) and other retirement plans for owners, family members and select employees. Ken works in collaboration with business owners' trusted advisors to achieve increased savings for the owners and their key employees.

Ken graduated with honors from the University of Rochester and received his law degree from Harvard Law School. He is highly respected among colleagues and clients for his extensive knowledge of employee benefits, and recently served as President of the ASPPA Benefits Council of Greater Philadelphia. His thorough competence and integrity have earned him a peer review AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell, the highest rating awarded for legal ability and professional ethics. Outside the office, Ken performs with many community theatre groups and serves on various board of directors.

## **Mark Majek, MA, PHR, Texas Board of Nursing**

Mark Majek has served as the Director of Operations for the Texas Board of Nursing for the past 25 years. His duties include oversight of finance, information technology, licensing, customer support and publications. He serves as the sole HR Practitioner for the BON and is certified as a Professional in Human Resources from the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM). He is currently the Chair of the Small State Agency Task Force (SSATF) and has served as past Chair of the Texas State Human Resource Association and a past board member of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing and currently serving on the Leadership Succession Committee for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.



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### **Richard Masters, Esq.**

Richard Masters is Special Counsel to the Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators providing legal guidance concerning the compact and its administrative rules, including application and enforcement, to the member state representatives of the NLCA and other state officials. Richard is also a recognized subject matter expert in the field of interstate compacts and provides legal advice to several other compact governing boards and agencies.

Richard has been involved in extensive research and writing in the field of interstate compacts and has published a wide variety of law review articles, bench books used by state court judges, and other publications concerning the law and use of interstate compacts.

Richard received his Juris Doctorate from the Brandeis School of Law of the University of Louisville and his B.A. from Asbury University. He is a former Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Kentucky and also served as General Counsel to the Council of State Governments. He was recently asked by Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear to serve as a Special Justice to the Kentucky Supreme Court.

### **Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt, BSN, JD**

Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt earned her BSN, cum laude, from Georgetown University in 1978 and her JD from Suffolk University Law School in 1984. She concentrates her practice in the areas of healthcare and administrative law and litigation. She advocates for health care access and consumer rights. She also advised clients concerning health care provider licensure, regulatory compliance and disciplinary hearings, professional affiliations, credentialing, contracting and employment relationships, professional liability and risk management.

### **Amanda Mount, RN, BSN, JD, CPHRM**

Ms. Mount is a registered nurse, attorney, insurance adjuster, and agent licensed in the state of Texas. She is currently serving as past president of the Greater Houston Society of Healthcare Risk Management (GHSHRM). Her primary area of expertise is health care and the risks inherent within. She now specializes in risk finance and risk management for a variety of healthcare clients. She was previously a hospital risk manager/claims attorney where she mitigated risk on the hospital level by participating on hospital committees and developing hospital policy. She has extensive experience in recognizing areas of risk and has developed programs and presentations directed to healthcare providers on such issues as documentation and chain of command. She has also managed, negotiated and mediated many high exposure cases with beneficial results.

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## Joey Ridenour, RN, MN, FAAN

Jo Elizabeth "Joey" Ridenour has a strong foundation in nursing and nursing administration, with more than four decades of public service to Arizona and the nation. Joey's nursing career began in the Maricopa Health System and expanded to her current position as executive director of the Arizona State Board of Nursing for the past 17 years.

Her appointment as president of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing for two consecutive terms reflects the high regard in which she is held throughout the United States. Joey also presently serves as Chair, Executive Committee, and Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators (NLCA) for the past three years. She has also been the chair of two national committees during the past ten years related to National Council's commitment to evidenced-based regulation as well as developing the core competencies of nurse regulators.

Joey's outstanding achievements in nursing and her unwavering commitment to enhancing the quality of nursing and healthcare engender respect for her accomplishments in Arizona and throughout the nation.

## Richard T. Simmons, Jr.

Richard T. Simmons, Jr. is presently the Managing Partner of Hailey, McNamara, Hall, Larmann & Papale law firm in New Orleans. He represented Dr. Anna Pou in connection with the civil and criminal cases against her regarding her treatment of patients at Memorial Hospital in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Dr. Pou and two nurses were arrested in connection with the former Louisiana Attorney General's investigation into patient deaths at the hospital. After the Grand Jury returned a "No True Bill" as to second degree murder charges, Dr. Pou and Richard spearheaded a post-Katrina effort in the Louisiana Legislature which led to the enacting of "disaster medicine reforms" now applicable for any future declared emergencies in Louisiana.

Richard graduated from LSU Law School in 1970 and George Washington University with a Masters of Law in 1974. He is a former Army JAG Officer (Lt. Colonel, Retired.) He was formerly Chief of the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Eastern District of Louisiana. His areas of practice include professional (medical and legal) liability defense and criminal defense.

## Jonathan Stewart, Esq.

Jonathan Stewart is a health care risk manager and patient safety professional at John Muir Health in the San Francisco Bay Area. He also lectures on health law and ethics at California State University, East Bay. Jonathan earned his law degree from the University of Tulsa, his Master's in health policy nursing from the University of California at San Francisco, and was a 2010-2011 VHA Patient Safety Fellow. His interests include organizational ethics and the role of nursing in patient protection.



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### Elizabeth VandeWaa, Ph.D

Dr. Elizabeth VandeWaa teaches Pharmacology and Pathophysiology to undergraduate and graduate nursing students at the University of South Alabama. She has published and lectured on numerous topics in the field of Pharmacology.

She has spoken on the topic of drugs of abuse to various groups locally and nationally, including civic organizations, nursing and medical professionals, attorneys, and school educators and administrators. She has worked with both private legal firms and with the Federal Defenders Organization Association, serving as an expert witness on several cases involving drugs of abuse--both of street drugs and prescription medications.

### Yuri Walker, RN, JD, MPH

Ms. Yuri Walker joined the Office of Quality, Safety & Value (QSV), Department of Veterans Affairs, VA Central Office, in Washington, DC as the Director, Clinical Risk Management Program, in October 2008. She began her career in the Department of Veterans Affairs in 1986 as an Infection Control Nurse; her most recent previous position was as a Clinical Program Manager (Clinical Investigations) in the Office of the Medical Inspector, VA Central Office. Other positions she has held in the VA include Chief, Quality Management; Executive Assistant to Director; and Chief, SPD. She is a graduate of the VA Executive Career Field Program and the Leadership VA Program. Ms. Walker has an undergraduate degree in Nursing from California State University, Los Angeles; Master's degree in Public Health from the University of Minnesota (Twin Cities) and a law degree from St. Louis University (Missouri). She is a licensed attorney and is admitted to practice as a member of the state bars of Missouri and Illinois as well as the federal bar of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Ms. Walker is a United States Air Force veteran; she was the Chief Nurse of the 932d Medical Squadron, Scott AFB at the time of her retirement. Ms. Walker is married; her husband is retired and she has an adult son who is a Certified Public Accountant.



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	<u>Nursing Contact Hours</u>	<u>CLE Hours</u>
<b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2012</b>		
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	<b>Criminal Background Checks of Nurses and Nursing Students</b>	
	1.0	1.0
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	<b>Navigating the Federal Tort Claims Act in Medical Malpractice Legal Advocacy</b>	
	1.0	1.0
10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.	<b>Disaster Medicine and Louisiana’s Post-Katrina Statutory Reform</b>	
	1.0	1.0
	<b>Total Contact Hours</b>	_____

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify that I attended the sessions circled above..**

This continuing nursing education activity has been approved through California Board of Registered Nursing Continuing Education Provider No. CEP 15750 for 18.75 total contact hours (Pre-conference Workshops 3.75 and 3.75 and Annual Conference 11.25).

This program has been approved by the Supreme Court of Louisiana (Committee on Mandatory Continuing Legal Education) to award 16.0 total CLE hour(s), with 0.00 of ethics, 0.00 of professionalism and 0.00 of substance abuse instruction (Pre-conference Workshop 3.75 and Annual Conference 12.25). The State of Louisiana requires the included form must be completed and returned within 30 days of the meeting for credit. Please return to the TAANA office. Activity Number: 5147121024

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A NURSE-ATTORNEY & AN APPELLATE GEEK

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**KILLED**  
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**CLIENT**

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<p><b>MARC C. LENAHAN,</b> OWNER</p> <p>National Crime Victim Bar Association, President-Elect, 2013</p> <p>Texas Brain Injury Alliance, Vice President, 2012-13</p> <p>Super Lawyers® Honoree, 2009 - Present (a Thomson Reuters Service)</p>	<p><b>KATHLEEN M. KEARNEY, RN, BSN, MSN, JD,</b> HEALTH LAW PARTNER</p> <p>Board Certified Registered Nurse (by the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board)</p> <p>President, Texas Chapter, 2010-2012, The American Association of Nurse Attorneys</p> <p>Rising Stars Honoree, 2012 (a Thomson Reuters Service)</p>	<p><b>P. WES BLACK,</b> APPELLATE LAW PARTNER</p> <p>Former Appellate Judicial Clerk</p> <p>Appearances Before the Texas Supreme Court, The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals &amp; Numerous Intermediate Courts</p>
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## UNIFORM CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

Within 30 days of the activity, this certificate shall be filed with the appropriate MCLE Board(s) or Commission(s).

**Sponsor:** TAANA  
**Activity Title:** TAANA Annual Conference and PreConference  
**Date:** October 24-27, 2012  
**Location:** New Orleans, LA

**Activity Number:** #5147121024

**We have requested a total of:** *CLE credit hours based on a 60-minute hour*

Reminder: Introductory remarks, keynote addresses, business meetings, breaks, receptions, etc. may not be included in the computation of credit.

**TO BE COMPLETED BY ATTORNEY AND RETURNED TO TAANA OFFICE**

Fax to 913-895-4792 or return to the Registration Desk

By signing below, I certify that I attended the activity described above and am entitled to

Claim \_\_\_\_\_ CLE credit hours.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Membership, Registration,  
or Supreme Court Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Note: Must be returned to the TAANA office by November 19, 2012 for credit.**

Acknowledged by:

**Liz Paulk**  
Liz Paulk – MCLE Manager

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## UPCOMING TAANA EVENTS

Mark your calendars

...and plan to attend this upcoming TAANA event

### **32nd Annual Meeting & Education Conference**

*October 10-12, 2013*

*Hyatt Regency Savannah*

*Savannah, Ga.*



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