

# Expert Witness Portfolio

Carrie Alaini, RN

Hospice & End-of-Life Care Expert Witness

This portfolio is provided for informational purposes to counsel. Expert opinions are rendered independently, objectively, and without advocacy for any party. Services are available for both plaintiff and defense engagements.

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## Hospice & End-of-Life Care Expert Witness

### Expert Witness Summary

Registered Nurse with over 30 years of hospice and end-of-life care experience, including frontline clinical practice and senior management leadership. Experienced expert witness in hospice malpractice matters involving nursing home negligence, providing opinions on standard of care, breach, and causation related to patient falls, wound care failures, and clinical deterioration.

### Areas of Expertise

- Hospice and end-of-life care standards
- Medical record review and analysis
- Standard of care, breach, and causation analysis
- Regulatory compliance (CMS, hospice conditions of participation)
- Nursing home–hospice interface failures
- Fall risk assessment and injury prevention
- Wound assessment, monitoring, and escalation failures
- Failure to recognize and respond to clinical deterioration
- Documentation and interdisciplinary communication deficiencies
- Wrongful death and elder neglect cases

### Licensure

Registered Nurse (RN) – State of Illinois

### Professional Experience

#### Hospice Care Provider and Senior Management Roles

- Over 30 years of experience delivering and overseeing hospice and end-of-life care
- Senior leadership responsibilities including policy development, staff supervision, quality assurance, and regulatory compliance
- Direct involvement in patient care, family communication, and interdisciplinary team coordination

### Expert Witness Experience

- Retained as an expert witness in hospice malpractice cases involving nursing home negligence
- Provided expert opinions regarding deviations from accepted nursing and hospice standards of care
- Case issues included patient falls with injury and failure to appropriately assess and treat wounds, resulting in escalation of care and ICU admission
- Conducted comprehensive medical record review, standard-of-care analysis, and causation opinions
- Collaborated with plaintiff counsel on case strategy, expert reporting, and case development

## Publications & Media

### Award-Winning Journalist

- Published articles and investigative reporting related to healthcare, hospice, and patient advocacy
- Recognized for clarity, accuracy, and effective communication of complex medical issues

## Education

Nursing education and professional training (details available upon request)

## Professional Affiliations

Professional nursing and healthcare organizations

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## Expert Profile

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## Expert Witness Services

- Medical record review and analysis
- Standard of care, breach, and causation opinions
- Expert reports and written declarations
- Early case screening and case viability assessment
- Attorney consultation and case strategy support
- Deposition testimony
- Trial testimony

## Case Focus

- Hospice malpractice
- Nursing home negligence involving hospice patients
- Wrongful death
- Elder abuse and neglect
- Falls with injury
- Wound care failures and failure to recognize clinical deterioration

## Jurisdiction & Availability

Available nationwide for case review, deposition, and trial testimony. Remote medical record review available.

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## Expert Witness Fee Schedule (Defense-Neutral)

### Professional Fees

- Case consultation and medical record review: \$300–\$350 per hour
- Standard of care and causation analysis: \$300–\$350 per hour
- Expert report preparation and rebuttal reports: \$350–\$400 per hour
- Deposition testimony: \$450–\$500 per hour
- Trial testimony: \$500–\$600 per hour

### Retainers

- An advance retainer is required prior to commencement of work
- Retainer amount determined based on scope and complexity of engagement
- Retainers are applied against accrued fees

### Billing Policies

- Time billed in 0.25-hour increments
- Deposition and trial testimony billed portal-to-portal
- Minimum billing requirements may apply depending on engagement type
- Travel time billed at standard hourly rate
- Reasonable travel expenses billed separately at cost

### Rush or Expedited Work

- Work requiring expedited turnaround may be subject to premium rates

### Payment Terms

- Invoices payable within 30 days of issuance
- Fees are not contingent upon case outcome
- Expert opinions are rendered independently and without advocacy for either party

### Engagement Terms

All services are provided pursuant to a written expert retention agreement. This fee schedule applies equally to plaintiff and defense engagements and is subject to periodic revision.

# INVOICE

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Invoice Type: Expert Witness Retainer

Invoice Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Invoice Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Client / Law Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Case Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Jurisdiction: \_\_\_\_\_

Description	Rate	Amount
Expert Witness Retainer (applied against future services)	\$ _____	\$ _____

Total Retainer Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment Terms:

- Retainer required prior to commencement of work
- Fees are non-contingent and not dependent on case outcome
- Retainer will be applied against accrued professional fees
- Any unused portion of the retainer will be handled pursuant to the expert retention agreement

## Accepted Payment Methods:

- Check (payable to: Carrie Alaini, RN)
- ACH / Wire Transfer (bank details provided upon request)
- Electronic payment (e.g., Zelle or similar, if approved)

## Remit Payment To:

Carrie Alaini, RN

[Payment instructions to be provided]