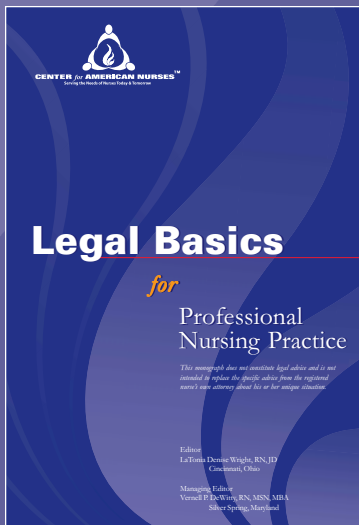




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## New Monograph Provides *Legal Basics* to Nurses



At its core, nursing is the job of caring for human life. Nurses have the important job of caring and nurturing people's health. Their jobs can be hands-on and demanding, directly and significantly affecting both nurse and patient. Even questions of life and death can arise on a nurse's watch.

Despite the importance of their work, nurses seldom have a full understanding of the job's legal implications. To fill this gap, the Center for American Nurses partnered with The American Association of Nurse Attorneys (TAANA) to publish "Legal Basics for Professional Nursing Practice," a monograph that lays out an overview of the major legal issues facing nurses today.

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Center for American Nurses President Debbie Hatmaker, PhD, RN, writes in the foreword to the monograph, "When issues arise in the workplace related to rights and responsibilities, few nurses know where to turn for assistance. This legal monograph offers information important to the practicing nurse."

TAANA President Susan E. Ziel, RN, BSN, MPH, JD, praised the partnership between TAANA and the Center that produced this monograph. "This monograph [is] yet another example of the many partnerships that have become essential to the competent and meaningful practice of nursing in today's complex world," she writes.

Center members can obtain the monograph via the Center for American Nurses online book store [www.nursesbooks.org](http://www.nursesbooks.org).

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