

## ANITA B. FOLINO



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Anita B. Folino is the managing partner of Plunkett Cooney's East Lansing office. She focuses her practice in the areas of medical malpractice, professional liability, personal injury litigation, product liability, professional healthcare licensing matters and general litigation.

Ms. Folino has an understanding of the special circumstances involving members of the healthcare profession. Prior to becoming an attorney, Ms. Folino practiced as a registered nurse for a number of years.

Ms. Folino received her nursing degree from Villanova University and her law degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Law.

### Professional Memberships

- Ingham County Bar Association
- Allegheny County Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- American Board of Trial Advocates
- Association of Trial Lawyers of America (Associate Member)
- Litigation Counsel of America

### Areas of Practice

- Litigation
- Medical Liability
- Professional Liability

### Honors & Awards

- Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating-AV Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated. AV Preeminent is a certification mark of Reed Elsevier Properties Inc., used in accordance with the Martindale-Hubbell® certification procedures, standards and policies.
- Michigan Super Lawyer in Personal Injury Defense: Medical Malpractice, Michigan Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters publication, 2006 - 2011
- American Jurisprudence, Torts (Law)
- Sigma Theta Tau National Nursing Honor Society
- Who's Who Among American University and College Students

### Education

- University of Cincinnati College of Law, J.D., 1980
- Villanova University, B.S.N., 1971

### Bar & Court Admissions

- Ohio, 1980
- Pennsylvania, 1982
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania, 1982
- Michigan, 1989
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 1989

## Publications and Lectures

- "Perspectives in Medical Legal Issue," Series of lectures to Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Psychiatric Residents, March 8, April 21 and May 5, 2011
- "Grand Rounds," Michigan State University College of Human Medicine Department of Surgery, Feb.11, 2009, Jan. 28, 2010 and Jan. 20, 2011
- "Legal Aspects of the Athletic Trainer," Michael Strauss Endowed Distinguished Lecturer Series - MSU Department of Athletic Trainers, East Lansing, MI, October 19, 2006
- "Preparing a Case For Trial," Michigan Defense Trial Counsel Civil Defense Basic Training Series, Troy, MI, October 6, 2006
- "Mock Deposition and Anatomy of a Lawsuit," MSU Department of Surgery and Obstetrics and Gynecology, East Lansing, MI, April 20, 2006
- "The Doctor, The Devil and The Deposition - How to Handle Yourself Without Going Crazy," East Lansing, MI, December 2005
- "Medical Records for Michigan Attorneys," June 16, 2004 (material preparation)
- "Analyzing Medical Records for the Michigan Paralegal," East Lansing, Michigan, May 17, 2004
- "Medical-Legal Aspects of Documentation In Pennsylvania," Pittsburgh, PA, August 13, 2003
- "Mock Deposition Medical-Legal Conference," MSU Department of Surgery, East Lansing, MI, December 5, 2002
- "Basic Training Series Seminar," Michigan Defense Trial Counsel Civil Defense, Troy, MI, October 2002
- "Medical Malpractice in Pennsylvania" Seminar, Pittsburgh, PA, sponsored by the National Business Institute, July 17, 2001
- "Mock Deposition Medical-Legal Conference," MSU Department of Surgery, East Lansing, MI, December 7, 2000
- "Confidentiality of Medical Records in Michigan," Lansing, MI, December 18, 1998
- "General Considerations of Liability Issues in Documentation for Health Care Providers," seminar, January, 1998
- "Effectiveness of chart Documentation and Litigation in the 90's," Tendercare, MI 1996 Professional Development Conference, June 1996

- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan, 1989

- “Liability Issues for Health Care Providers of Long Term Patient with Decubitus Ulcers,” Defending the Nursing Home in the 90’s: A Legal Approach to Risk Management and Administration, Troy, Michigan, April 25, 1994
- “Apnea Monitoring and Liability,” National Association of Apnea Professionals, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 6, 1993
- “Apnea and Liability Issues,” Michigan’s Annual Infantile Apnea Conference, Michigan Association of Apnea Professionals, Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, March 20, 1992
- “Practice Guidelines - Risk or Risk Reduction: A Legal Perspective,” Michigan Physicians Mutual Liability Company and Michigan State Medical Society, Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 11, 1992; Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 5, 1992
- “Giving Apnea Care - Could you Be Liable?” 10th Conference on Apnea of Infancy, International Association of Apnea Professionals, Rancho Mirage, California, January 23-25, 1992
- “Apnea and Liability Issues,” Michigan Association of Durable Medical Equipment Company, Gaylord, Michigan, October 10, 1991
- “Apnea and Liability Issues,” Michigan Association of Apnea Professionals, Michigan Annual Apnea Conference, Lansing, Michigan, April 24, 1991
- “Legal Implications of Nurse Preceptors,” Magee Women’s Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, August 1, 1990
- “Nursing and the Litigation Process,” Risk Management Association of Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 7, 1989
- “Medical Liability Concerns for Nurses,” Hospital Association of Pennsylvania Fall Conference, Hershey, Pennsylvania, October 24, 1989
- “Legal Implications of Caring for Critically Ill Patient,” Braddock General Hospital, Braddock, Pennsylvania, April 1989
- Lectures to various Health Care Providers including, Forbes Regional Health System, Braddock General Hospital, Podiatry Hospital, The Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, McPherson Hospital, Howell, Michigan
- “Legal Aspects of Long Term Care,” “Legal Aspects of Documentation,” Series of teleconference lectures to 25 plus healthcare provider institutions, Pennsylvania State University

## Nursing Experience

- Former Registered Nurse (Pennsylvania and Ohio)
- U.S. Navy Nurse Corps (Honorable Discharge - 1972 LTJG)
- Philadelphia Naval Hospital - Orthopedics - Amputee Unit, Philadelphia, PA
- Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh - School Age Unit (Chronic and Terminal Illness)
- Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh – Rehabilitation
- Grant Hospital School of Nursing - Mental Health Integration and Psychiatric Nursing Instructor
- Cincinnati Children’s Hospital & Convalescent Center

## News

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