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Dr. Barbara J. Dupont is a multidiscipline attorney, doctor of nursing practice, registered nurse and managing partner of the Dupont Law Firm, LLP, Stamford, Connecticut.

She has 20 years of trial and appellate experience with catastrophic personal injury matters, international law (victims of terrorism), constitutional law (religious freedom), and business torts. She has filed an *Amici Curiae* brief in the United States Supreme Court, on trust law and freedom of religion.

Dr. Dupont drafted a proposed state law on scope of nursing practice as part of her Capstone -- *DNP/APRN Scope of Practice: Analysis and Need for a Fully Autonomous Uniform State Law* (September, 2014, MGH Institute of Health Professions "MGHIHP"), as she completed her doctoral studies at MGHIHP in 2014. She is working on two new texts on scope of practice and authentic leadership in patient centered medical homes. She recently completed a second presentation on those subjects for the Doctors of Nursing Practice, Inc. conference at Seattle, Washington.

She served as Assistant Professor of Nursing at Quinnipiac University, and taught courses in Holistic Critical Care, Critical Thinking, Ethics, and Law and Medicine. She was recently appointed the initial Chair of the Quinnipiac University School of Nursing Advisory Board. She was a critical care nurse at the Burn Center at Weill Cornell-New York Hospital. She served as a clinical instructor and lecturer at the Hospital for Special Surgery/Cornell Medical Center, and also at Quinnipiac University for its nursing students rotating through Yale – New Haven Hospital.

She received her Juris Doctor from Quinnipiac University School of Law, while attending on a Merit Scholarship. She graduated with course honors in Advanced Law and Medicine; Ethics; Jurisprudence and was given an award for Superior Classroom Performance. She obtained a Master of Science in Nursing, with Distinction, from Mercy College, and her Bachelor of Science from the State University of New York/Downstate Medical Center College of Nursing. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society of Nursing. She is responsible for the return of the historic Nightingale Lamp Ceremony at Quinnipiac University, where she is also the founding member of the Quinnipiac University Tau Rho Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau.