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**TAANA Presents Janet K. Feldkamp, RN, BSN, LNHA, JD with the Cynthia Northrop Distinguished Service Award!**

**Columbus, OH** – On October 24, 2008, during The American Association of Nurse Attorneys (TAANA) Annual Meeting & Educational Conference in Tampa, Florida, several TAANA members received prestigious awards in recognition of their achievements and contributions to the field of nurse attorneys.

This year's Cynthia Northrop Distinguished Service Award winner is Janet K. Feldkamp, RN, BSN, LNHA, JD, a partner at Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff, LLP in Columbus, Ohio.

TAANA established the Cynthia Northrop Distinguished Service Award to recognize an individual member's leadership role in, and significant contributions to, TAANA. The award is named for Cynthia Ellen Northrop, who died in November 1989 at the age of 39. Cynthia was the founder of TAANA and served as its first president. The award is intended to serve as an expression of sincere 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.

Janet K. Feldkamp's practice includes various aspects of health law with an emphasis on long term care regulatory matters such as survey certification, and informal review requests. Feldkamp has an extensive health care background including employment as an intensive care nurse, a surveyor for long-term care facilities, a director of nursing in long-term care, an assistant administrator of a large skilled nursing facility, and a nurse consultant for a multi-state long-term care management firm. She has assisted numerous long-term care facilities through the regulatory and enforcement maze, including clients with proposed fast track terminations, Medicaid payment bans, and proposed civil monetary penalties. Due to her operational background, her on-site consulting includes operational, as well as legal guidance.

Feldkamp received her Bachelor of Science (magna cum laude) in nursing in 1978 from the University of Missouri-Columbia and her JD from St. Louis University (cum laude) in 1990. She currently serves as the immediate past president of TAANA.

The American Association of Nurse Attorneys (TAANA) is committed to advocating excellence and creating opportunities for nurse attorneys. Today with more than 400 members, the association is a recognized leader for nurse attorney resources and education in the profession. TAANA members practice in private law practice, in academia, as litigators and defense attorneys, as legal counsel for healthcare entities, and in health care compliance among other settings.

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