Affirmation Statement for Midwifery Expert Witnesses:
Voluntary Guidelines

*ACNM has issued the following Guidelines to establish reasonable expectations for the standards by which Certified Nurse-Midwives provide legal testimony. These are voluntary standards; the intention is to establish principles of conduct that can be expected of ACNM members who testify. However, ACNM reserves the right to take enforcement action if in ACNM's discretion a member's actions might diminish ACNM's reputation or enforcement is otherwise warranted***.**

Expert Witness Affirmation

As a member of the profession of midwifery and the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM), I affirm that I will uphold the following professional principles when providing expert evidence, expert opinion, or expert witness testimony.

1) I will always be truthful.

2) I will conduct a thorough, fair, and impartial review of the facts and Midwifery care provided.

3) I will provide evidence only in matters in which I have relevant clinical experience or knowledge in the areas of midwifery which are the subject of the proceeding.

4) I will evaluate the midwifery care in light of the generally accepted standards which prevailed at the time of the occurrence.

5) I will provide evidence or testimony that is complete, objective, and scientifically based.

6) I will make a clear distinction between a departure from accepted practice standards and an untoward outcome.

7) I will make every effort to determine whether there is a causal relationship between the alleged substandard practice and the outcome.

8) I will not accept compensation that is contingent upon the outcome of the litigation.

9) I will comply with the *ACNM Qualifications for Expert Witness* Statement.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

ACC/AMCB Certification Date: _____