



## ***2019 NCSBN Award Ceremony - Fred Knight - Meritorious Service Award*** **Video Transcript**

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### **Presenter**

NCSBN Awards Committee

Fred Knight's contributions to the mission and vision of NCSBN have greatly impacted nursing regulation across the country. For over 20 years, Fred has served as General Counsel on the staff of the Arkansas State Board of Nursing. His extensive knowledge of regulatory issues and administrative law have made him a respected consultant and presenter.

Fred exemplifies advocacy for NCSBN initiatives. He has lent his service to many committees, most notably the APRN Compact Development Subcommittee in 2001, and in 2011, the Resolutions Committee and APRN Model Act and Rules Committee. He chairs the Nurse Licensure Compact Compliance Committee.

Fred was a key member of the Attorney Advisory Group, dedicating his time and effort to developing the model statute and rules of the Nurse Licensure Compact. Over the years, he has presented at conferences and other nursing regulatory bodies, as well as provided legal guidance for understanding issues surrounding the Compact and its implications.

In 2017, Fred was instrumental to Arkansas' legislative implementation of the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact. That same year, when Arkansas passed legislation to create an alternative to disciple program, Fred facilitated the implementation team's development of NCSBN's program structure.

Fred believes in helping the collective regulatory community. After Arkansas became one of the first states to implement criminal background checks for licensees, Fred assisted the legal counsel of other states, whose boards were preparing for the same transition. Fred Knight has served both his state and NCSBN with distinction. His many accomplishments and contributions make him a deserving recipient of the Meritorious Service Award.