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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—In her new novel, *The Scandal Clause*, Sydney Stern brings to life a world of power, politics, and sexuality in the workplace. From the operating room to the White House to the Middle East and on into the bedroom, the needed survival skill at every twist and turn is endurance with a capital E. *The Scandal Clause* shows how sex at work is far more complicated than anyone imagined.

Laura, nurse administrator in Boston, applies for a \$700,000 nursing job at a prominent neurosurgeon's practice in an unnamed city. The salary looks way too good to be true. Only she's had her fill of hard work, constricted salaries, and devastating relationships. Little does she know her next job will demand more than she's ever given before. It will lead her to crises of personal values and professional integrity. The prize? A seat at the top—if she can claim it.

But her problem is how to face the consequences of signing a contract with a secret clause—a contract that pulls Laura into the world of high stakes medicine, political complexity, sexual morality, and survival at the most basic level.

Sydney Stern uncovers in vivid detail the complex interplay of high-pressure work and its release into sexuality—a challenge faced by everyone 'on the way to the top.' The reader invited to join with Laura in her search for the decisions that will save her life.

The author, Sydney Stern, has been a psychologist, supervisor, educator, and consultant for over 35 years. Family systems and multicultural therapies, sexual abuse treatment, and psychological assessment are her specialties. She has lived in different cultures, spoken different languages, and worked with people ages 5 to 85 from the inner cities to schools and universities. Her professional writing skills and experiences live on in the stories she tells.

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