



Law & Ethics: When Mental Health Professionals Call Attorneys

Speaker: A. Steven Frankel, PhD, JD

Date: Friday, August 28, 2020

Location: Virtually via Zoom

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WHEN MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CALL ATTORNEYS is a 6-hour law and ethics program, presented by A. Steven Frankel, PhD, JD. The presentation outlines key legal and ethical information pertaining to maintaining clinical records, privacy regulations and confidentiality, and is designed for early career through senior professionals.

The workshop reviews situations in which clinicians are involved in the legal system and especially in courts of law, including witness categories. What follows is a review of practice formations, and ways to create and manage mental health practices, including how to cope with reputational problems. The workshop also includes a review of recently enacted or modified laws in the State of California, which have implications for all jurisdictions in the United States. Also covered are issues concerning record retention from a legal liability viewpoint rather than the simple statements of how long records must be kept, and websites that provide helpful information about liability and risk management for any/all mental health clinicians. The workshop ends with information about developments for involuntary commitment, internet practice and a review of the best online training for child abuse reporting.

Goals & Objectives

1. List two legal developments in California law that impact child abuse reporting.
2. Identify two major factors governing record retention.
3. Name at least two categories of practice formation.

About the Speaker

A. Steven Frankel, PhD, JD, is a clinical psychologist (PSY3354) and an Attorney at Law licensed in California (SBN192014), and the District of Columbia (1009135). He is a Diplomate in both Clinical and Forensic Psychology from the American Board of Professional Psychology. He earned his PhD at Indiana University and interned at the Psychiatric Institute of Columbia University. He then joined the full-time faculty of the University of Southern California, where he served for eleven years, including five years as the Chair of Clinical Psychology and Director of Clinical Training. After leaving full-time university service, Dr. Frankel entered clinical practice and focused increasingly on the diagnosis and treatment of post-traumatic and dissociative disorders. In 1993, he joined Linda and Walter Young in the opening of a unit for the treatment of traumatic and dissociative disorders at Del Amo Hospital in Torrance, California. Dr. Frankel began practicing law upon graduation from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles where he taught as an Adjunct Professor of Law. His legal practice is in health and administrative law. He represents healthcare professionals in their dealings with agencies like licensing boards and Medicare. Dr. Frankel has always been committed to teaching and has published over 50 articles and book chapters. He has spoken at local, national and international conferences on trauma and dissociation and his full-day continuing education curriculum in law and ethics for mental health professionals (over 50 workshops/year) has earned him his latest *Outstanding Teacher Award*.

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