

Legal and Therapeutic Issues that Confront Mental Health Practitioners

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When mental health practitioners are faced with client-related legal issues, they are often ill-prepared for what might be expected. In this presentation PhD psychologist and attorney, Penny Clemmons will present best practice information and discuss countertransference and other challenges practitioners may encounter while navigating the legal system.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of fundamental psycho-legal principles applicable to client relations, interactions with legal professionals and judicial officers.
2. Examine the relationship between law and psychology and recognize challenges faced by patients and clients in dealing with the legal system.
3. Identify legal and ethical issues in clinical practice such as adherence to ethical practice, civility, preparation, composure, and excellence in work product.
4. Identify best practices in dealing with psycho-legal issues.

PENNY CLEMMONS, PhD, JD, is a licensed clinical psychologist and member of the State Bar of California. She received her PhD in clinical psychology from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology and was licensed in California in 1981. She received her JD in 1994 from the Santa Barbara and Ventura Colleges of Law and was admitted to the California State Bar the same year.

As a dual degree professional, she has a unique perspective on the intersection of law and psychological and psychiatric clinical practice. In addition to her law and mediation practice she is a consultant to mental health professionals.

Dr. Clemmons is an adjunct professor at the Santa Barbara and Ventura Colleges of Law, and Recipient of the Wm. J. McLafferty Award for her exceptional pro bono work for the Santa Barbara Superior Court.

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Psychiatry and Addiction Medicine
Department invites you to virtually
attend its June 2021 presentation.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2021

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