Outline -

Clinician-Client Relationship

Law vs. ethics Elements of legal informed consent Nuts and bolts of office policies

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Limitations on confidentiality

Colorado case law & danger to others Colorado duty to warn potential victims

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Elements of consent Competence & scope of practice Boundary violations/crossings Issues with modern technology Texting, cell phones, e-mail, video psychotherapy

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- 4. Recognize ethical challenges you should consider when responding to subpoenas that request disclosure of client records.
- 5. Analyze the limits of confidentiality as it relates to duty to warn law in Colorado.
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