

Outline

Clinician-Client Relationship

- Law vs. ethics
- Elements of legal informed consent
- Nuts and bolts of office policies
  - Records vs. psychotherapy notes
  - What to put in a record
- Limitations on confidentiality
  - Michigan case law & danger to others
  - Michigan duty to warn potential victims
  - HIPAA
  - The latest updates you need to know

Practical Approach to Risk Management

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

Litigation

- Licensing complaints & malpractice lawsuits
  - Michigan-specific statutes
  - Michigan rules and regulations
  - Case law and how to find it

Navigate the Legal System

- Roles of attorneys
- Confidentiality/privilege
- Subpoena & disclosure of confidential information
- Depositions, interrogatories, expert testimony

Treatment of Minors

- Michigan age of majority
- Consent to treatment
- Privilege/confidentiality
- Separation & divorce

Case Studies

Live Seminar Schedule

- 7:30 Registration/Morning Coffee & Tea
- 8:00 Program begins
- 11:50-1:00 Lunch (on your own)
- 4:00 Program ends

There will be two 15 min breaks (mid-morning & mid-afternoon)  
Actual lunch and break start times are at the discretion of the speaker.  
A more detailed schedule is available upon request.

Objectives

1. Communicate how to avoid litigation dilemmas, licensing complaints and malpractice actions.
2. Explore the legal and ethical considerations for the treatment of minor populations in Michigan with regard to age of consent, confidentiality and custody concerns.
3. Communicate how an understanding of common boundary and dual relationship issues/dilemmas can help you maintain appropriate relationships with your clients.
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 Michigan.
6. Articulate how risk management strategies regarding technology can keep client information secure and avoid violating HIPAA.

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## Speaker

**Susan J. Lewis, Ph.D., J.D.,** is a multi-credentialed mental health professional, with the unique combination as a licensed psychologist, forensic psychologist and attorney. She has over 25 years of experience in clinical practice with unique populations that have included female sexual offenders incarcerated at a woman’s prison, self-injurious individuals, forensic patients and individuals who suffer from severe and persistent mental illness. In addition to clinical practice, Dr. Lewis has served in leadership roles as clinical director, program manager, supervisor for psychiatry residents and post-doctoral psychology interns.

Currently, Dr. Lewis teaches courses on Law and Ethics in Mental Health that are state specific to the laws of each state. She has also lectured nationwide on the DSM 5 and differential diagnosis. She taught courses at Harvard’s Extension School and Northeastern University on The Psychology of Criminal Behavior. She is the author of *Legal and Ethical Issues for Mental Health Clinicians: Best Practices for Avoiding Litigation, Complaints and Malpractice* (PPM, 2016) and her latest book *From Deep Within: A Forensic and Clinical Psychologist’s Journey* (2018).

As sought after consultant, Dr. Lewis works with attorneys on controversial issues such as dangerousness, competence to stand trial, criminal responsibility evaluations, and civil and criminal commitment. She works with attorneys on strategies of how mental illness might impinge on legal decision-making. Dr. Lewis has been adjudicated an expert in almost all of the district and superior courts in Massachusetts.

Her extensive clinical experience makes her a hands-on, knowledgeable instructor. She is engaging and has a wonderful sense of humor, which she brings to her seminars.

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