

## Outline

### Understand the Legal System

- Statutes
- Rules and regulations
- Case law
- Finding the law

**6.25  
CE Hours  
of Ethics**

### Legal Exposure

- Criminal liability
- Civil liability
- Licensing complaints
- Organization complaints

### Establish the Treatment Relationship

- The professional relationship
- The legal and ethical principle of informed consent
- Informed consent as part of the treatment modality
- Use of and reliance upon written consent forms

### Record-Keeping Practices

- Record-keeping regulations
- Items which constitute the record, persona notes vs. charting, raw data, computer printouts and third-party records
- Access to records by written requests, subpoenas and court orders

### The Ethics of Duty to Warn

- Duty to warn potential third-party victims
- Review of specific Delaware case law governing danger to others
- A clinical approach to the duty to protect

### Treatment of Minors

- Age of majority
- Consent to treatment and access to records
- Clinical implications in the treatment of the older adolescent
- Treatment of minors in situations of family separation and divorce

### Non-Sexual Boundary Violations

- Email correspondence and cell phone contacts
- Treatment vs. advocacy for patients
- Professional contacts with attorneys and the legal profession
- In-court expert testimony

### Live Seminar Schedule

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

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## Objectives

1. Specify state and administrative laws that impact clinical practice.
2. Determine the ethical and legal principle of informed consent.
3. Determine the notes, documents, reports, forms, and clinical data that constitute the record.
4. Evaluate record-keeping practices.
5. Analyze how to comply with third-party requests for records.
6. Establish the consent necessary to treat minors and release records of minors.

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These goals are reached through the experience and the interactive style of the presenter, Allan M. Tepper, J.D., Psy.D. Different from other individuals who possess joint degrees in

psychology and law, Dr. Tepper actually maintains an active psychology practice and an active law practice. He functions as a clinician, and he represents mental health professionals who experience legal difficulties. In this regard, Dr. Tepper brings an extremely unique perspective to the practical understanding of ethics.

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## Speaker

**Allan M. Tepper, J.D., Psy.D.,** is engaged in the private practice of both law and psychology in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. As a psychologist, he specializes in forensic matters and has testified on numerous occasions in cases involving civil, criminal, domestic relations, and death penalty issues. As an attorney, he has extensive trial experience, including the representation of mental health professionals in ethics and licensing board proceedings. He has been an adjunct faculty member at Widener University in the Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology, and at the Philadelphia Chapter of Great Lakes Colleges Association, and an adjunct assistant professor at Immaculate College, Graduate School. Dr. Tepper conducts ethical training for mental health professionals throughout the United States and is well-known for his engaging style. He publishes frequently in the areas of law and psychology. He is co-author of *Pennsylvania Law and Psychology - Third Edition*, and *Pennsylvania Law, Ethics, and Psychology - Fourth Edition*. He received his J.D. degree from Albany Law School and received M.S. and Psy.D. degrees in clinical psychology from Hahnemann University in Pennsylvania. Visit his website at [www.allanmtepper.com](http://www.allanmtepper.com).

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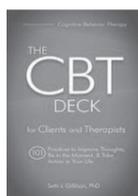
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