

Outline

There will be two 15-min breaks (mid-morning & mid-afternoon).  
Actual lunch and break start times are at the discretion of the speaker.

8:00

Registration, Sign-In, & Course Materials (morning coffee & tea)

8:30

ATTORNEY-BASED RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Robert Landau  
3.0 ethics

- Insurance coverage
- Importance of documentation
- Best practices/Risk management: Tips to avoid claims and suits
- Importance of peer, ethics and legal consultation
- Licensing board complaints
- Responding to subpoenas
- Working with attorneys
- Defending lawsuits
- Trends in malpractice claims & ethics complaints
- Informed consent
- Confidentiality

12:00

Lunch (on your own)

1:00

ETHICS & RISK-MANAGEMENT: THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PERSPECTIVE

Frederic Reamer  
3.0 ethics

- Trends in malpractice claims & ethics complaints
- Ethical challenges & risks:
  - + Confidentiality
  - + Informed consent
  - + Conflicts of interest
  - + High-risk treatment
  - + Defamation
  - + Impaired professionals
- + Privacy
- + Boundary issues
- + Digital & remote services and relationships
- + Termination of services
- + Documentation
- + Privileged communication

- Key concepts: malpractice, negligence & ethics violations
- Handling difficult ethical judgments/decisions
- Ethics consultation & ethics committees
- Ethical/legal standards of care

4:00

Adjournment

Objectives

1. Discuss ethical challenges and risks involving boundary issues from a legal perspective.

2. List risk management tips to avoid licensing board complaints and lawsuits.

3. Consider ethical dilemmas clinicians face surrounding boundary setting with clients in clinical practice
4. Utilize an ethical decision making framework to recognize, analyze, resolve or prevent ethical dilemmas in your clinical practice.

5. Analyze the limits of confidentiality as it relates to duty to warn law in Rhode Island.

6. Articulate ethical/legal standards of care as it relates to clinical practice.

**Target Audience:** Psychologists, Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, Counselors, Risk Managers, Addiction Professionals, Case Managers, Nurses



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Speakers

**ROBERT P. LANDAU, JD**, is a shareholder at the law firm of Roberts, Carroll, Feldstein & Pierce, Inc. in Providence and was the co-leader of the firm’s Healthcare Group from 2012 through 2016.

Mr. Landau is a seasoned litigator who focuses his practice on defending mental health professionals, hospitals, physicians, nurses, dentists, and other health care providers in professional malpractice lawsuits and disciplinary proceedings. He has extensive experience representing social workers, mental health counselors, psychologists and other professionals before their licensing boards, frequently obtaining findings of no unprofessional conduct or administratively closing investigations. He has successfully represented clients in the state and federal courts of Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Mr. Landau has had numerous jury trials with a significant number of defense verdicts. In addition to trying cases to juries, he handles any appellate issues that arise from his matters. He has appeared regularly before the Rhode Island Supreme Court and has a number of reported decisions. In those instances where a trial is not the best course of action, Mr. Landau has extensive experience in alternative dispute resolution. His presentations to mediators and arbitrators help clients resolve cases on favorable terms.

Mr. Landau is a graduate of Duke University, BS, *magna cum laude*, and Boston University School of Law, JD, *cum laude*. He is admitted to practice in both Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Mr. Landau was selected for inclusion on the 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 Rhode Island Super Lawyer list.

Speaker Disclosures:  
Financial: Robert Landau is a shareholder at Roberts, Carroll, Feldstein & Pierce, Inc. He receives a speaking honorarium from PESI, Inc.  
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**FREDERIC G. REAMER, PhD**, has been a professor in the graduate program of the School of Social Work, Rhode Island College, Providence, Rhode Island, for over 30 years. Dr. Reamer received his PhD from the University of Chicago and has served as a social worker in correctional and mental health settings. He chaired the national task force that wrote the *National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics* and served on the code revision task force. Dr. Reamer lectures both nationally and internationally on the subjects of professional ethics and professional malpractice and liability. In addition to ethics, his research and teaching have addressed a wide range of human service issues, including mental health, health care, criminal justice, and public welfare. Dr. Reamer has conducted extensive research on professional ethics and has been involved in several national research projects sponsored by The Hastings Center, Carnegie Corporation, Haas Foundation, and Center for Bioethics of the University of Pennsylvania. He is the author of chapters on professional ethics in the *Encyclopedia of Social Work*, the *Encyclopedia of Bioethics*, and the *Encyclopedia of Applied Ethics* and is the author of many books, including: *Risk Management in Social Work: Preventing Professional Malpractice, Liability, and Disciplinary Action; Boundary Issues and Dual Relationships in the Human Services; The Social Work Ethics Audit: A Risk Management Tool and his latest, On the Parole Board: Reflections on Crime, Punishment, Redemption, and Justice.*

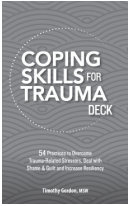
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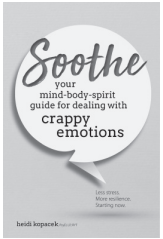
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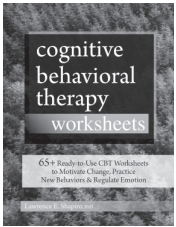
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