

Outline

INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW:  
KEY ISSUES

- Understand the legal system
- Legal exposure
- Establish the treatment relationship
- Record-keeping practices
- The ethics of duty to warn/protect
- Local and national resources
- Multicultural awareness & diversity

ETHICS AND RISK MANAGEMENT:  
THE LEGAL PERSPECTIVE

- Insurance coverage: The essentials
- Importance of documentation: It really matters!
- Tips to avoid and defend lawsuits and licensing board complaints: Practical advice
- Key risk areas: What to look out for
- Importance of peer, ethics, and legal consultation
- Responding to subpoenas: Do's and don'ts
- Working with attorneys

ETHICS AND RISK-MANAGEMENT:  
THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
PERSPECTIVE

- Trends in malpractice claims and ethics complaints: Ethical mistakes, ethical decisions, misconduct
- Ethical challenges and risks: Essential knowledge
- Confidentiality, privacy, privileged communication
- Informed consent
- Boundary issues, dual relationships, and conflicts of interest
- Digital, online, and remote services and relationships
- High-risk treatment and services
- Termination of services
- Defamation
- Documentation
- Impaired professionals
- Ethics consultation and ethics committees
- Handling difficult ethical judgments and decisions: Protecting clients and practitioners

Objectives

1. Evaluate ethical challenges and risks in behavioral health.
2. Utilize risk management tips to reduce licensing board complaints and lawsuits.
3. Analyze ethical dilemmas clinicians face surrounding use of technology to serve clients remotely, communicate with clients, and store information.
4. Apply an ethical decision-making framework to recognize, analyze, resolve or prevent ethical dilemmas in your clinical practice.
5. Employ state-of-the-art documentation guidelines and protocols.
6. Determine ethical/legal standards of care as the pertain to clinical practice.

**Live Webinar Schedule**  
*(Times listed in Eastern)*

**8:00** Program begins

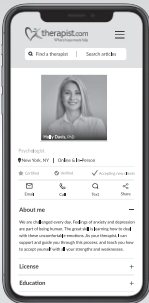
**11:50-1:00** Lunch Break

**4:00** Program ends

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- Confidentiality exceptions
- Privileged communication
- Documentation
- Telehealth
- Informed consent
- Boundary issues
- Recent changes to federal regulations governing confidentiality of substance use disorder patient records
- And other complex topics

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# Meet Your Speakers

**Robert Landau, JD**, is a shareholder at the law firm of Roberts, Carroll, Feldstein & Peirce, 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.

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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 recently served on the task force that added technology standards to the code.

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.

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