

A One Day Seminar

Legal and Ethical Risks and Risk Management in Professional Psychological Practice

Sequence I: General Risk Management Strategies

With

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Designed to provide psychologists with knowledge of legal and ethical standards and an effective risk management strategy.

The impact of HIPAA on professional practice will also be addressed.

Saturday, February 22, 2003

9:00am to 5:00pm

(Registration is at 8:30am)

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Workshop Description

For the last ten years, there has been an increase in the frequency and consequences of lawsuits and complaints to licensing boards and ethics committees against psychologists. As managed care continues to dominate third-party reimbursement, any adverse disciplinary event can seriously damage a psychologist's career. In addition, with the advent in April 2003 of the complex and often confusing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), the complexities and risks of professional practice will dramatically increase. In these difficult times, knowledge of legal and ethical standards and an effective risk management strategy have become crucial to psychologists.

This workshop will identify situations which pose the greatest risks to practitioners and the legal and ethical standards which define appropriate professional conduct in these situations. It will provide practical and effective strategies for identifying and effectively managing situations in order to minimize the possibility of legal and ethical complaints and maximize practitioners' ability to effectively defend themselves when complaints are unavoidable. Starting with a description of the factors contributing to the increase in risk, the workshop will provide practitioners with specific information about malpractice suits and licensing board complaints and how to cope with them.

The workshop will review how HIPAA is likely to alter and impact professional practice and, specifically, how the changes brought about by this Federal regulation will impact informed consent, record keeping and confidentiality requirements. The workshop will also address requests for information from the legal system and will describe how and when practitioners can utilize the APAIT Risk Management Consultation service as part of their own risk management strategies. The workshop includes comprehensive supporting materials.

The workshop is primarily directed toward psychologists in private practice but is applicable to all sites where health related psychological services are provided.

Objectives of Seminar

Participants will be able to:

- ❖ Learn what is new in the world of ethics
- ❖ Learn essential information about disciplinary complaints and malpractice actions
- ❖ Review HIPAA and its impact on professional practice
- ❖ Provide essential information about laws governing therapeutic confidentiality and exceptions, including a discussion of how HIPAA impacts these areas
- ❖ Learn the distinction between privilege and confidentiality
- ❖ Learn the importance of “informed consent” to clients and to understand how HIPAA will alter traditional informed consent
- ❖ Learn how and when to consult with others to reduce the risks of disciplinary complaints and demonstrate compliance with the appropriate standards of care
- ❖ Learn what information should be included in the patient’s records and how to make records HIPAA compliant
- ❖ Learn to identify situations that present the greatest risk to practitioners, both now and in the future

BONUS!

Psychologists insured through The Trust-sponsored Professional Liability Program receive a 15% premium discount on their professional liability insurance for the next two years for attending this workshop.

About the Speaker

Dr. Jeffrey N. Younggren, a Fellow of the American Psychological Association and a Distinguished Member of the National Academy of Practice, is a clinical and forensic psychologist who practices in Rolling Hills Estates, California. He also is an assistant clinical professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Medicine. Dr. Younggren served as a member and chair of the Ethics Committees of the California Psychological Association and the American Psychological Association. He consults to various licensing boards on ethics and standards of care, and he qualifies as an expert in criminal, civil, and administrative proceedings. Recently, Dr. Younggren testified regarding the fallibility of memory secondary to trauma and post traumatic stress disorder before the United Nations Bosnian War Crimes Tribunal in the Hague.

Continuing Education

Legal and Ethical Risks and Risk Management in Professional Psychological Practice, Sequence I is co-sponsored by The American Psychological Association Insurance Trust (APAIT) and The Alaska Psychological Association (AK-PA). AK-PA is approved by the American Psychological Association to offer continuing education programs for psychologists. AK-PA maintains responsibility for the program.

Six (6) continuing education credits will be awarded to participants who attend the entire one day workshop as offered. Partial credit cannot be given.

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