



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2011

UNTANGLING LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND PATIENT WELL-BEING:
KNOWLEDGE AND TOOLS TO GUIDE THE MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER

This presentation explores the challenges with balancing professional roles, responsibilities, and reporting requirements when litigation arises that may affect former and current patients. The mental health practitioner must often walk that fine line between care and concern for his or her patient and his or her responsibilities under the law.

The presentation will provide practical and thoughtful solutions for a variety of legal situations to which most practitioners will find themselves exposed at some point in their careers. It will explain how to proactively safeguard patient confidentiality even when it seems nearly impossible in today's litigious society.

The presenters will be attorneys Sophya Qureshi Raza and Laura Gerdes Long. Sophya Qureshi Raza leads Danna McKittrick's family law department and focuses on helping families resolve and—even better, prevent—crisis. She works mostly in divorce and does modifications of custody. She also establishes legal guardianships and conservatorships for adults with disabilities. She is involved with Angels' Arms, and Girls Inc. Laura Gerdes Long, also with Danna McKittrick, is a litigation attorney working with numerous mental health care providers.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

By the conclusion of this program, participants will:

- 1. Learn how to comply with legal requirements while still maintaining patient confidentiality.
2. Learn what the practitioner's responsibilities are when involved in different legal situations, whether the patient is pursuing litigation or is otherwise involved.
3. Learn about privacy issues.
4. Learn how to protect psychotherapy notes and keep them off-limits to litigants seeking records.
5. Know the elements of a proper authorization under HIPAA.
6. Learn how to manage issues when young patients are involved in litigation and it is unclear whose well-being is paramount.

CE 2.0 Hours (for Missouri psychologists only)

LOCATION AND TIME:

Table with 3 columns: Location/Time, Time, and Activity. Rows include Sheraton Clayton Plaza, 7730 Bonhomme Avenue, Gallery II, Clayton, MO 631205, Free parking on Level 2, 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m. - 9:15 p.m., Registration, Dinner, Program.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

GUESTS ARE WELCOME!

COST: \$40 for paid members of SLPA and non-psychologist guests.
\$60 for non-member psychologists, with a \$20.00 credit toward joining.
SLPA if membership application accompanies CE registration form below.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2011 SLPA PROGRAM

** Your check and reservation must be received by February 9, 2011 **

Mail this form with your check for \$40 or \$60 (see above) made payable to SLPA to Barbara Levin, 12773 Castlebar Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146. Contact Barbara if you have questions: (314) 434-2810.

Please select one entrée below: All are served with: house salad, warm rolls and butter, Chef's Choice starch, vegetable and dessert, iced tea and Starbucks Coffee.

Chicken Picatta: Marinated Chicken Breast, in a Lemon Caper Sauce

Pasta Primavera: Linguini with Grilled Vegetable and Marinara Sauce

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