

Legal, Ethical and Moral Dilemmas in Mental Health Practice

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Mental health practitioners deal with a conundrum of legal, ethical and moral issues in clinical practice. Maintaining one's standard of care requires constant updating of knowledge of the requirements of ethical practice, identification of practitioners' dilemmas in forensic practice and the impact of new legislation.

In this presentation, Penny Clemmons, PhD, JD, CFLS, will discuss the professional dilemmas faced by mental health practitioners in their daily work with clients and members of the legal profession, and the impact on the physical and emotional well-being of clinicians.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Summarize new laws applicable to mental health practice
- Examine legal, moral and ethical issues in mental health practice
- Identify coping strategies to apply to ethical dilemmas
- Apply mindfulness techniques to the individual needs of participants

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As a dual degree professional, she has a unique perspective on the intersection of law and psychological and psychiatric clinical practice. In addition to her law and mediation practice she is a consultant to mental health professionals.

Dr. Clemmons is an adjunct professor at the Santa Barbara and Ventura Colleges of Law, and Recipient of the Wm. J. McLafferty Award for her exceptional pro bono work for the Santa Barbara Superior Court.

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