

# Outline

## Understanding the Legal System

- Statutes
- Rules and regulations
- Case law
- Finding the law



## Legal Exposure

- Civil liability
- Licensing board complaints
- Criminal liability

## Establish the Treatment Relationship

- The professional relationship: beginning and end
- The legal and ethical principle of informed consent
- Informed consent as part of the treatment modality
- Use of and reliance upon written consent forms

## Assessment, Treatment and Management of Suicide Risks

- Statistics and populations at risk
- Assessment of risk
- Screening tools and interview techniques
- Securing of outside records
- Cognitive interventions
- Use of concrete and outside management resources
- Documentation

## Record-Keeping Practices

- Record-keeping regulations
- Items which constitute the record
- Access to records via written requests, subpoenas and court orders

## The Ethics of Duty to Protect and Warn

- Duty to protect by warning potential third party victims
- Review of specific Pennsylvania case law governing danger to others
- A clinical approach to the duty to protect by warning

## Treatment of Minors

- Age of majority
- Consent to treatment and access to records
- Treatment of minors in situations of family separation and divorce

## Non-Sexual Boundary Violations

- Email correspondence, cell phone and texting
- Treatment vs. advocacy for patients
- Professional contacts with attorneys and the legal profession
- In-court expert testimony

### Live Seminar & Webinar Schedule (Times listed in Eastern)

- 8:00** Registration/Morning Coffee & Tea
- 8:30** Program begins
- 11:50-1:00** Lunch (*on your own*)
- 4:30** Program ends

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# Objectives

- Determine specific state and administrative laws that are pertinent to establishing and maintaining an ethical clinical practice.
- Develop policies on ethical issues such as restraints, seclusion and informed consent.
- Determine which notes, documents, reports, forms, and clinical data constitute an official medical record in the state of Pennsylvania.
- Evaluate your current record-keeping practices in order to ensure compliance with ethical and legal requirements in the state of Pennsylvania.
- Designate the treatment provider's responsibilities relating to mental health issues and duty to warn law in Pennsylvania.
- Analyze the legal and ethical considerations for the treatment of minor populations in Pennsylvania with regard to age of consent, confidentiality and custody concerns.
- Articulate issues related to the assessment, treatment and management of clients at risk to die from suicide.

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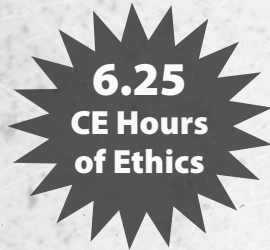
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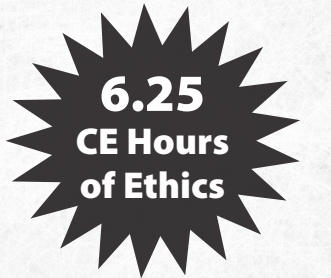
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# Ethical Principles and the Assessment, Treatment, and Management of Suicide Risks for Pennsylvania Mental Health Professionals

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These goals are reached through the experience and the interactive style of the presenter, Allan M. Tepper, J.D., Psy.D. Different from other individuals who possess joint degrees in psychology and law, Dr. Tepper actually maintains an active psychology practice and an active law practice. He functions

as a clinician, and he represents mental health professionals who experience legal difficulties. In this regard, Dr. Tepper brings an extremely unique perspective to the practical understanding of ethics.

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## Meet Your Speaker

**Allan M. Tepper, J.D., Psy.D.**, is engaged in the private practice of both law and psychology in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. As a psychologist, Dr. Tepper specializes in forensic matters and has testified on numerous occasions in cases involving civil, criminal, domestic relations, and death penalty issues. As an attorney, Dr. Tepper has extensive trial experience, including the representation of mental health professionals in ethics and licensing board proceedings. He has been an adjunct faculty member at the Widener University Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology, the Philadelphia Chapter of Great Lakes Colleges Association, and Immaculate College Graduate School. Dr. Tepper conducts ethical training for mental health professionals throughout the United States and is well-known for his engaging style. He publishes frequently in the areas of law and psychology, and is co-author of Pennsylvania Law, Ethics, and Psychology Sixth Edition. He received his J.D. degree from Albany Law School and received M.S. and Psy.D. degrees in clinical psychology from Hahnemann University. Visit his website at [www.allanmtepper.com](http://www.allanmtepper.com).

### Speaker Disclosure:

Financial: Allan Tepper is in private practice. He receives a speaking honorarium from PESI, Inc.  
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### Target Audience:

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