

Southern Alameda County Sexual Abuse Consortium

Law and Ethics for Clinicians: Burdens, Dilemmas, Possibilities

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Clinicians are all too aware that they face potential penalties if they violate laws or ethical standards. This awareness and the shifting nature of these standards, combine to produce anxiety that can intrude on clinicians' functioning and wear away at their professional self-assurance. In this course, Dr. Fridhandler starts from the premise that clinicians need clarity of mind to do their jobs. He promotes this clarity by demystifying adjudicative processes (e.g. licensing board enforcement actions) and by providing current information about ethical and legal standards. A number of cases will be presented to help participants understand more fully how outcomes are arrived at when professional conduct is evaluated in a legal or ethical context, with the goal of further assisting them to manage risk comfortably without unduly deterring them from applying their clinical skills. Participants will be encouraged to formulate their own opinions about the severity of the alleged misconduct and the appropriateness of the disciplinary action.

Bram Fridhandler, Ph.D.: Dr. Fridhandler is a clinical psychologist and psychotherapist who also specializes in child custody evaluations and divorce coaching, and has expertise in the area of law and ethics for mental health practitioners. Through his work as an Expert Reviewer for the California Board of Psychology, Dr. Fridhandler has first-hand experience with how licensing board complaints are handled, and in-depth knowledge of the kinds of legal/ethical issues in which therapists become embroiled. Dr. Fridhandler has served in leadership positions in many professional organizations. He is currently the Vice Chair of the Ethics Committee for the California Psychological Association and served as the Ethics Chair for the San Francisco Psychological Association from 2001 to 2006.

Wednesday October, 20, 2010

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

8:30 to 9:00: Coffee and Registration

Marina Community Center

15301 Wicks Blvd., San Leandro

Registration: **\$85.00** if received by **October 6, 2010**
100.00 for late or at-the-door registrations (if space available)
Refund Policy: No refunds after October 6, 2010.

Participants with disabilities will be accommodated whenever possible; applicants with special needs should contact Rebecca Cannon, at the number listed below, as early as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made. This course meets the qualifications for six hours of continuing education credit for **MFTs and LCSWs** as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences (provider approval #: PCE9) and for **Psychologists** as required by the Board of Psychology (MCEP Course # SOU041-0020-000).

REGISTRATION FORM (Required by October 6, 2010)

NAME: _____ ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ Do you need to be added to the SACSAC mailing list? Yes No

If you need a certificate of completion for MFT, LCSW, or Psychologist CE hours, please list your license type and license #: M.F.T.: # _____ L.C.S.W. # _____ PSY #.: _____

Please enclose the **\$85.00** registration fee per person, payable to **SACSAC** and send to:

SACSAC: 13666 East 14th Street, San Leandro CA 94578, (510) 357-5515

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