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Workshop E
Friday, May 5, 2006

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

6 Credits

"APA Insurance Trust Updated Ethics Seminar"

Featured Speaker:
Eric Harris, Ed.D, J.D.

The Workshop: For the last ten years, there has been a major increase in the number of lawsuits, and complaints against clinical psychologists. As managed care continues to dominate third party reimbursement, any adverse disciplinary event can make it difficult to meet credentialing requirements. In these difficult times, a risk management strategy is an essential element of professional practice. After providing a basic introduction to identifying legal and ethical risks involved in working with high risk patients and situations, this workshop will focus on three specialized areas of practice: working with couples and families, involvement with lawyers and the legal system, and working with potentially suicidal clients. The primary workshop goal is to allow practitioners to identify potential legal and ethical problems in these areas so that risks of lawsuits and disciplinary complaints can be minimized. Dr. Harris will suggest strategies, which will make it more likely that a psychologist will prevail if she/he is unfortunate enough to be the target of these sometimes unavoidable events. This program is specifically for psychologists. By attending this program, psychologists will be eligible for the APA Insurance Trust renewal discount.

Learning Objectives -- Participants in this program will:

1. Learn basic strategies for identifying high risk situations and managing professional practice risks.
2. Learn how to manage interactions with lawyers and the legal system, including responding to subpoenas and other information requests, providing testimony at depositions and in court, and using strategies for interacting with attorneys.
3. Learn about managing potential conflicts in conjoint treatment with couples and families, with particular emphasis on the special risks associated with divorce.
4. Learn essential risk management strategies for identifying and managing outpatient suicide risk.
5. Learn ethical and legal standards governing these areas of practice.

Eric Harris , Ed.D., J.D. is a licensed psychologist and attorney. Dr. Harris is a consultant to the Trust where he provides risk management services to Trust policy holders. Dr. Harris is the legal counsel to the Massachusetts Psychological Association, where he served as the Director of Professional Affairs for ten years. He was a faculty member at the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology for more than 15 years. In the time before Dr. Harris became a consultant to APAIT, he conducted a part-time clinical psychology practice.

Location: Radisson Airport Hotel, Warwick, RI (click [here](#) for directions)

Cost: \$99.00 for RIPA Members, \$110.00 for non-members (Click [here](#) to Join RIPA)

Parking and Lunch: The fee includes refreshment breaks. Lunch is on your own. Free parking is available in the Radisson Airport Hotel parking lot.

Special Discount: A discount is provided for an individual who registers for multiple workshops at the same time. A \$10 discount is provided for registry for (2) workshops and a \$20 discount is provided for registry for (3) or more workshops.

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