Ethical Dilemmas in Working with Individuals who Engage in Maladaptive Sexual Behavior

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ETHICS ARE EASY



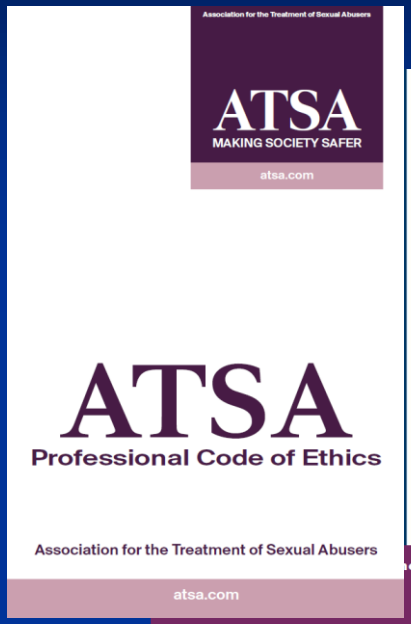
KNOW YOUR GUIDE



WHERE SHOULD WE LOOK FOR GUIDANCE?



OUR GUIDES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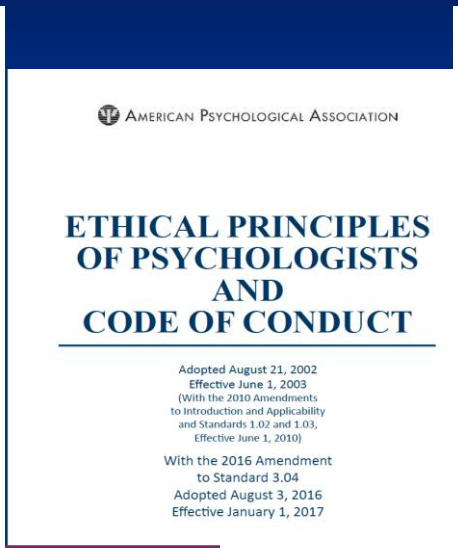
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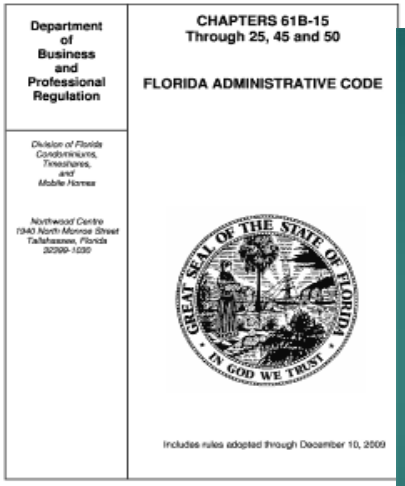
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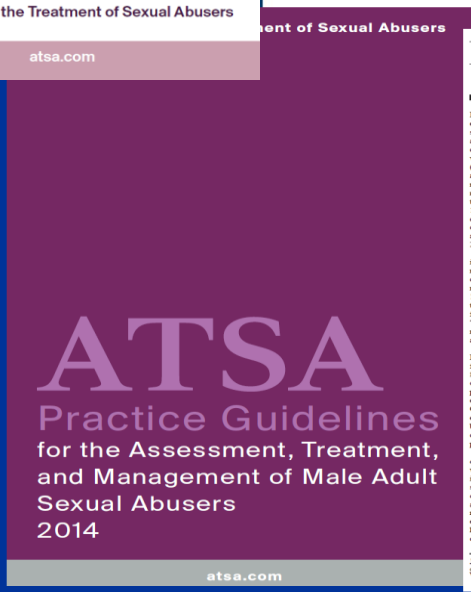
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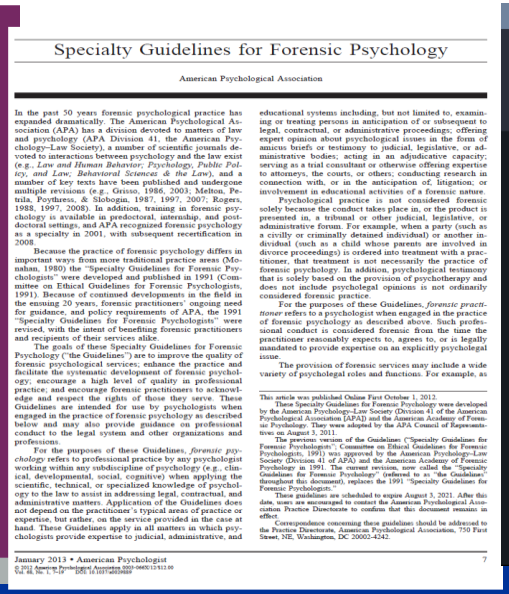
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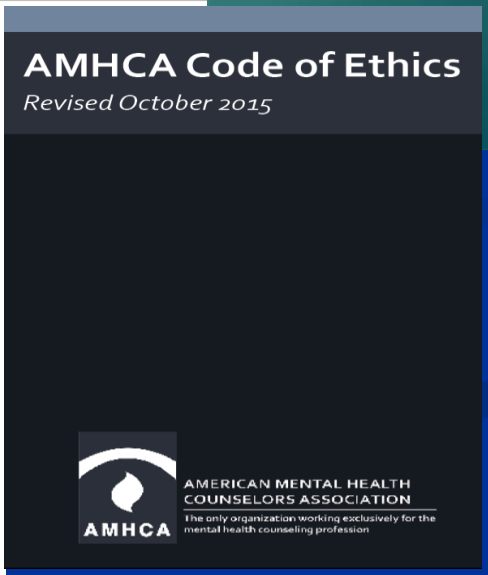
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Revised October 2015
AMHCA
AMERICAN MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION
The only organization working exclusively for the mental health counseling profession

CONSENT



DR. NAIVE

- Dr. Naive was hired by the prosecution to evaluate a client who was detained. He quickly scheduled the evaluation and proceeded to meet with the client and conduct the evaluation. In a subsequent deposition of Dr. Naive, the defense attorney inquired about informed consent.



INFORMED CONSENT/ASSENT



- ATSA PCE 9(a) – Confidentiality
- ATSA PG 2.05 - Informed Consent
- APA EPPCC 9.03 - Informed Consent in Assessments
- APA EPPCC 10.01 – Informed Consent to Therapy
- SGFP 6 – Informed Consent, Notification & Assent
- AMHCA CE I.A.2 – Informed Consent

INFORMED CONSENT/ASSENT



- You should:
  - Inform the examinee of your role and who retained you
  - Describe the procedures and risks/benefits
  - Communicate who will/who may get the results
  - Exceptions to confidentiality
    - suicide/threat of harm/mandatory reporting
  - Juveniles or court ordered examinees
    - obtain assent
  - Document consent
  - Don't forget HIPAA

HIPAA COMPLIANCE
Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

THE BLANK SLATE



MR. TABULA ROSA

- Mr. Tabula Rosa declines any discovery/records regarding the client stating, "everybody gets a clean slate with me" and proceeds to conduct the evaluation/provide treatment





DO OUR CLIENTS ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH?



REMEMBER…

- ATSA PG 5.01 – Members rely on multiple sources of information
- SFG 9.02 – Use of multiple sources of information



COMPREHNSIVE EVALUTION & TREATMENT PLANNING

- You should:
  - Request all available discovery/records including:
    - Police reports
    - Audio/video recording of interviews
    - Victim statements
    - Defendant statements
    - Criminal justice records
    - Prior mental health treatment
    - Previous evaluations
    - Presentence reports





KNOW YOUR COMPETENCIES











DR. KNOWITALL

- Dr. Knowitall, a psychologist working in a general practice in a small southern town, was hired by a local defense attorney to conduct a risk assessment with a client facing charges of possession of CSEM. Dr. Knowitall did a quick internet search and found the Static-99.





STATIC-99 Coding Form

Question Number	Risk Factor	Codes	Score
1	Young (S9909)	Aged 25 or older Aged 18 – 24.99	0 1
2	Ever Lived With (S9910)	Ever lived with lover for at least two years? Yes No	 0 1
3	Index non-sexual violence - Any Convictions (S9904)	No Yes	0 1
4	Prior non-sexual violence - Any Convictions (S9905)	No Yes	0 1
5	Prior Sex Offences (S9901)	Charges / Convictions None / None 1-2 / 1 3-5 / 2-3 6+ / 4+	 0 1 2 3
6	Prior sentencing dates (excluding index) (S9902)	3 or less 4 or more	0 1
7	Any convictions for non-contact sex offences (S9903)	No Yes	0 1
8	Any Unrelated Victims (S9906)	No Yes	0 1
9	Any Stranger Victims (S9907)	No Yes	0 1
10	Any Male Victims (S9908)	No Yes	0 1
	Total Score	**Add up scores from individual risk factors**	

TRANSLATING STATIC 99 SCORES INTO RISK CATEGORIES

Score Label for Risk Category

0,1 Low
2,3 Moderate-Low
4,5 Moderate-High
6 plus High

COMPETENCIES

- ATSA PCE 4 – Member's Training & Expertise
- ATSA PG 4.02 – Use instruments for which you are appropriately trained
- APA EPPCC 2.01 – Boundaries of Competence
- SGFP 2.02 – Gaining and Maintaining Competence
- AMHCA CE I.C.1 - Competence

ESTABLISH COMPETENCY

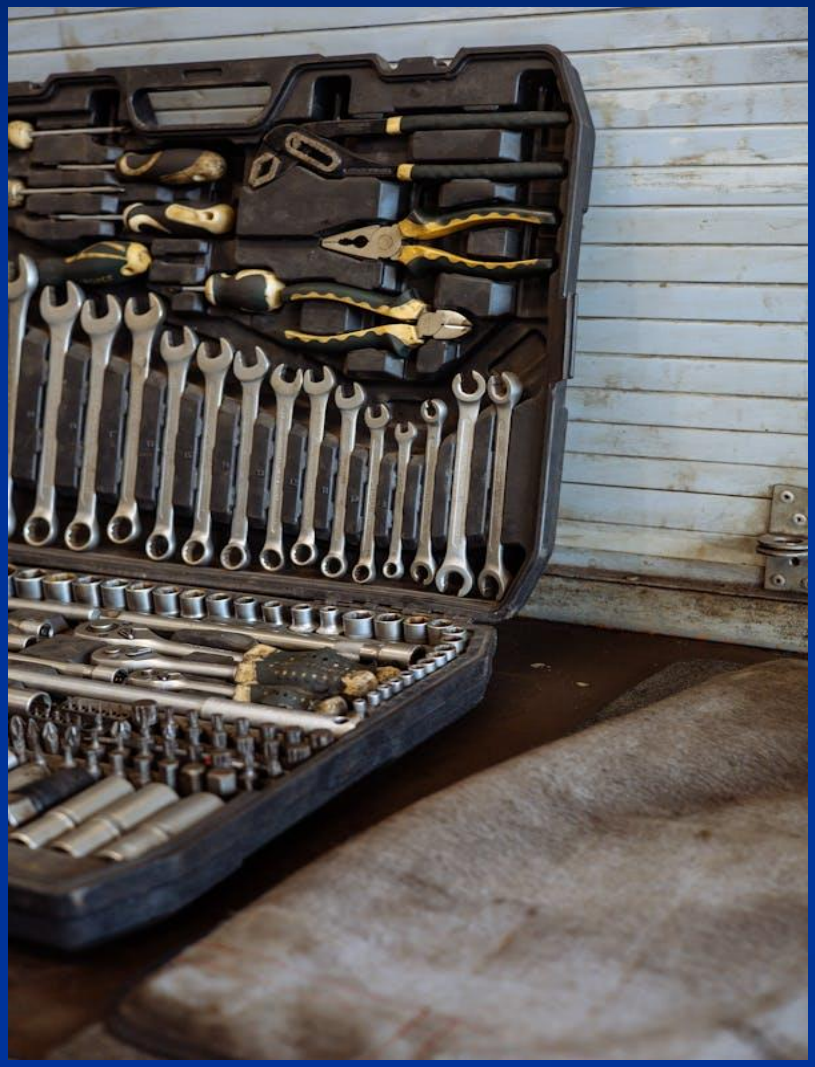
- You should:
  - Obtain training before using an instrument, tool, or therapy
    - Presentations/seminars/courses
    - At a **minimum** read the manual
  - Consult with colleagues



USE OF ASSESSMENTS

- ATSA PG 6.03 – use empirically supported instruments
- ATSA PG 6.06 – awareness of relative strength and weaknesses of risk assessment measures
- APA EPPCC 9.02 – use of assessments
- APA EPPCC 9.08 – obsolete tests/outdated test results
- SGFP 10.02 – selection and use of assessment procedures
- AMHCA CE I.D.3 – Competence

KNOW THE TOOLS IN YOUR TOOLBOX



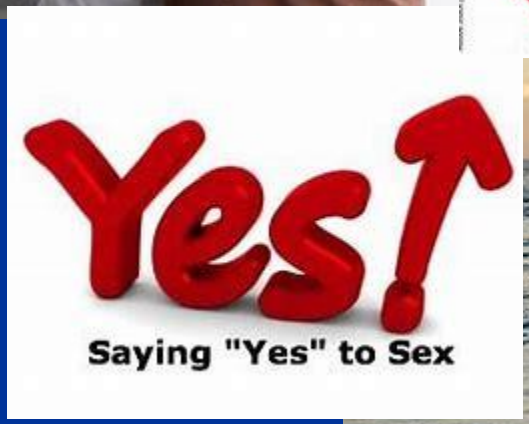
- Use assessment procedures with demonstrated reliability and validity for:

  -**Behavior** (issues being assessed)
  -**Gender**
  -**Age**
  -**Ethnicity**

SEXUAL INTIMACIES WITH CLIENTS









DR. HORNY

- Dr. Horny bumps into a former group therapy client at the wedding of a mutual friend. They get to talking about the last two and a half years since she left the group. The client admits she always had a "crush" on Dr. Horny and, after a few drinks…



IS THERE AN ETHICAL VIOLATION?

Weeellllll, it depends….

SEXUAL INTIMACIES WITH CLEINTS

- APA EPPCC 10.05 – No sexual intimacies with current clients
- APA EPPCC 10.07 – After 2 years depends on:
  - amount time since termination
  - Nature/duration/intensity of therapy
  - Circumstances of termination
  - Client's personal history
  - Likelihood of adverse impact on client
  - Statements/actions by therapist suggesting post termination sexual relationship

SEXUAL INTIMACIES WITH CLEINTS

- AMHCA CE I.A.4 – No sexual intimacies with current clients
- AMHCA CE I.A.5 – Strongly discouraged with former clients but may do so after 5 years depending on:
  - Duration of counseling/ time since termination
  - Circumstances of termination
  - Client's personal history/mental status
  - Likelihood of adverse impact on client

SEXUAL INTIMACIES WITH CLEINTS

- You may not have romantic relationships with current clients
- You may have a romantic relationship with former clients after a certain period of time if that relationship is determined to not be detrimental/harmful to the client
- You may not terminate a client so that you can enter into a romantic relationship with them

YOU CAN'T RIDE TWO HORSES WITH ONE ASS!



DR. SOUTHERN BELL

- Dr. Bell conducted an evaluation for the prosecution, testified at the examinee's commitment hearing, and the examinee was detained. A few years later, the defense attorney hires Dr. Bell to conduct an annual review to determine if the examinee is ready for release. Dr. Bell agrees, completes the evaluation, and submits her report. Then the prosecutor calls her…

DUAL RELATIONSHIPS

- ATSA PCE 8(b) – Dual Relationships
- SGFP 4.01 – Responsibilities to Retaining Parties
- SGFP 4.02 – Multiple Relationships
- AMHCA CE I.A.3 – Dual/Multiple Relationships



MAINTAIN YOUR BOUNDARIES

- You should not:
  - Enter into a personal relationship with adverse party
  - Enter into a fiscal relationship with an adverse party
  - Enter into another relationship with an adverse party

- Dr. Bell should have:
  - Immediately communicated the conflict of interest to the defense attorney

CERTIFICATIONS









DR. CERTA FIED



- Dr. Certified from Florida attends a fifty-hour on-line training for the evaluation and treatment of individuals with sexually maladaptive behaviors. At the end of the course, she is issued a certificate as a "Certified Sex Offender Provider." She immediately changes her letterhead and website to list this new certification.

F.S. 490.0149 - SPECIALTIES

- A person licensed as a psychologist may not hold themselves out as "certified psychology specialist", "board-certified psychology specialist" or "psychology diplomate" unless they have received formal recognition from an approved accrediting body

- The Board shall adopt rules to establish criteria for approval of certifying bodies…

Advertising and Other Public Statements

- APA EPPCC 5.01 – Avoidance of False or Deceptive Statements
- ATSA PCE 13(b) – Members shall refrain from… advertising that produces unrealistic expectations…
- AMHCA CE V.A – Public Statements

BARTERING


BARTERTOWN


exchange
commerce
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trade
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deal
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arrange
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money
trafficking
concept
thoughts
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information
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cooperation
interchange
sell
partnership
customer
conversation
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buy
purchase
technology
bargaining
haggle
mutual
service
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exchanging
goods
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DR. BART BARTER



- Dr. Barter has a therapy client who is unable to pay the cost of his mandatory therapy. Dr. Barter, knowing his client is a professional landscaper, suggests the client mow his 10 acre property every week in exchange for the $30 cost of group.

BARTERING

- APA EPPCC 6.05 – Bater with clients/patients
  - If it is not clinically contraindicated
  - If the resulting arrangement is not exploitive
- ATSA PCE 3(b) – Bartering may result in a dual relationships and leave the member open to an ethical complaint
  - Adhere to your professional code of ethics

BARTERING

- What Dr. Barter did was not necessarily an ethical violation

- What Dr. Barter should have done is made the exchange of services at a fair value for the services and locale

SURE, YOU CAN HAVE MY FILE – HERE TAKE IT



THE GOOD DOCTOR

- Dr. Good received a phone call from the retaining attorney stating opposing council wants a copy of his file and all the testing he conducted. Dr. Good copies his entire file including his interview notes and all test protocols with the raw test data and mails it to the attorney.



TEST SECURITY

- APA EPPCC 9.04 – Release of Test Data
- APA EPPCC 9.11 – Maintaining Test Security
- SGFP 10.07 – Provision of Documentation
- FL Administrative Code 64B19-18.004 (3) – Use of Test Instruments



IT'S OK NOT TO SHARE YOUR TOYS



- You should not:
  - Release raw test data to those not qualified to interpret it
    - Test protocols/questions
    - Computerized scoring printouts
    - Your interivew notes (yes, your notes are raw test data)
- Dr. Good should have:
  - Explained the ethical dilemma and suggested sending the data directly to a psychologist hired by opposing council.

NEVER SAY NEVER



DR. AMANI PUTANT

- Dr. Putant conducts a risk assessment of the examinee and opines the examinee will NEVER commit another sex offense again.



KNOW THE LIMTS OF ASSESSMENT TOOLS

- ATSA PG 6.06 – awareness of relative strength and weaknesses of risk assessment measures
- APA EPPCC 9.02 – Use of Assessments
- SGFP 10.02 – Selection and Use of Assessment Procedures







KNOW YOUR LIMITS

- You should not:
  - Offer opinions not supported by research
    (or common sense for that matter)
- Dr. Putant should have:
  - Offered an opinion supported by research
  - Explained the limits of knowledge
    based on empirical evidence



BREAK TIME

THE CHALLENGES OF ETHICAL TESTIMONY



LANDMARK COURT DECISION

- **Jenkins v. United States**
- **307 F.2d 637**
  Brief Filed: 2/62
  Court: United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit
  Year of Decision: 1962
- **Allowed psychologists to testify in legal proceedings as expert witnesses.**

TESTIFYING IN COURT: WHAT COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG?


ebaumsworld.com

ADVERSARIAL PROCESS



THE FIVE Ps

- Push
- Pull
- Poke
- Prod
- Pat



SENTENCING HEARING

Feeling the Love #1

- Q – Dr. Brannon, you have testified in Death Penalty cases before, correct?
- A- Yes.
- Q- Do you have any strong feelings for or against the Death Penalty?
- A – No.
- Q – And Dr Brannon, don't you usually provide excuses for defendants so that they will not be sentenced to the Death Penalty?

DEPOSITION

Feeling the Love #2

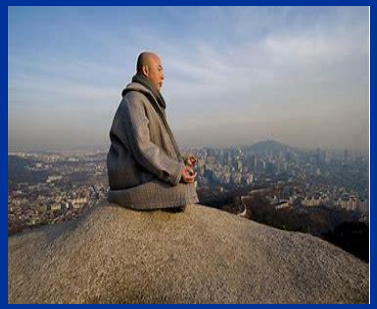
- Q – Do you know Dr. Michael Brannon?
- A- Yes.
- Q- How long have you know him?
- A- About 20 years.
- Q- In what capacity have you known Dr. Brannon?
- A- He helps the State to try to kill my clients!

SUPERHEROES vs. SUPERVILLIANS



ETHICAL GUIDELINES AND PRINCIPLES

- Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Codes of Conduct
- Specialty Guidelines for Forensic Psychologists
- Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing
- ATSA Professional Code of Ethics





LEGAL ETHICS



PROFESSIONAL JEPORADY

- Expert Witness Testimony is governed by professional ethics and guidelines.
- Legal Procedures are governed by professional ethics and guidelines.
- Any violations may result in a variety of consequences, including a board complaint.



DIFFERENT TYPES OF ETHICS?

- Professional Ethics
- Legal Ethics
- Personal Ethics
- Business Ethics



KNOW THYSELF



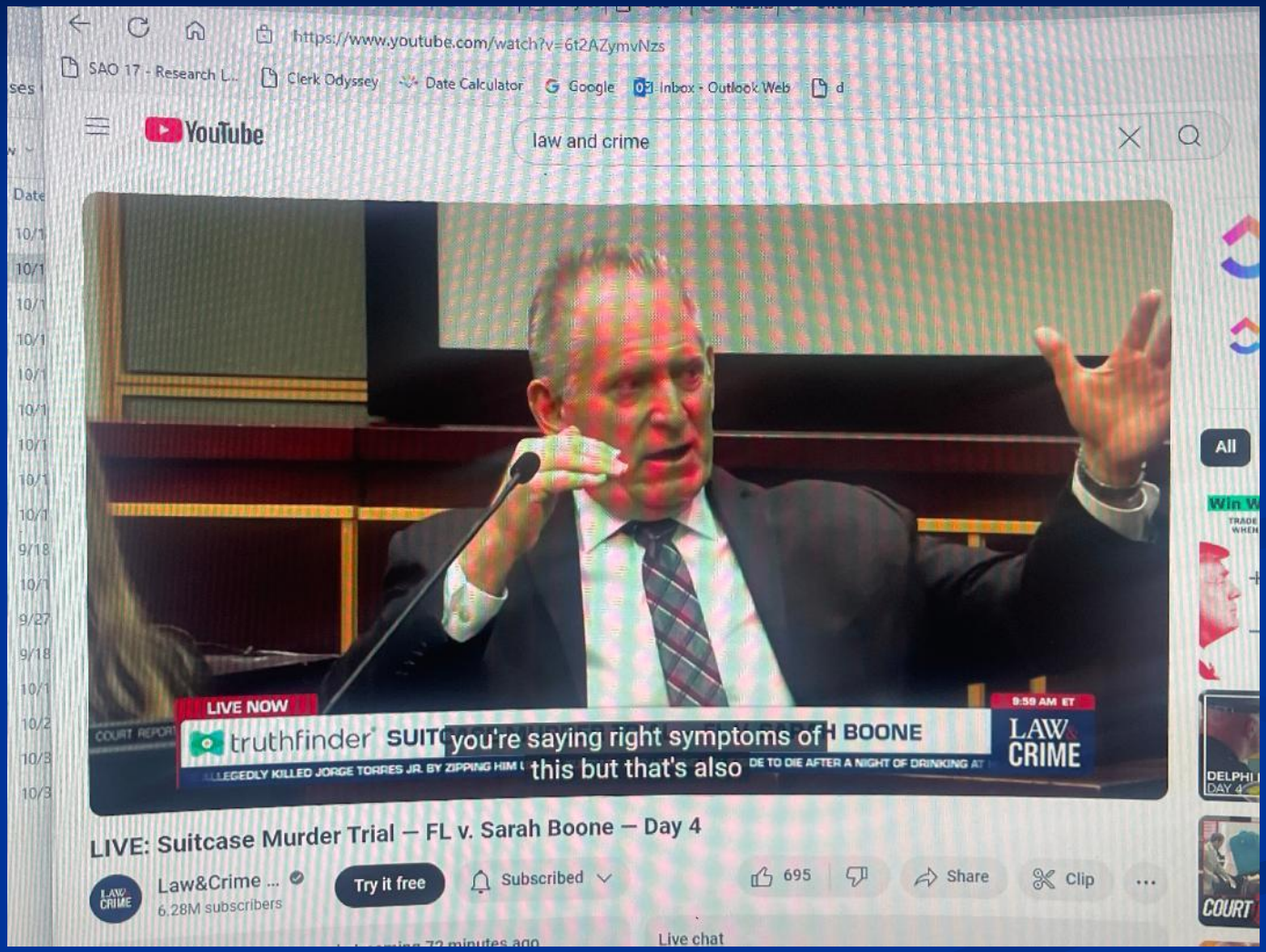
LIVING IN THE FISHBOWL



MEDIA EVENT


DEVELOPING STORY
NIKOLAS CRUZ SENTENCING MAY BE DELAYED 2 MORE WEEKS
25 WPBF

SOCIAL MEDIA PERILS



TESTIMONY CAN CONTRIBUTE TO SERIOUS OUTCOMES





ADDITIONAL CONSEQUENCES FOR SEX OFFENDERS



- Residency Restrictions
- Job Restrictions
- Sex Offender Registry
- Rejected by Friends and Family
- Low Self-Esteem/Depression/Suicide

FUN WITH ETHICS

You have been asked by the assistant state attorney to review the deposition and raw data of a defense psychologist in a case involving the possession of CSAM. In your review, you find numerous scoring and interpretation errors in the materials from the inexperienced and poorly trained (not a FATSA member) defense psychologist. However, despite the errors, you believe the defendant is a low risk. You know that if you testify the defendant will go to prison as the judge has given harsh sentences to sex offenders in the past. What should you do?

RULE 702. TESTIMONY BY EXPERT WITNESSES

A witness who is qualified as an expert by knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education may testify in the form of an opinion or otherwise if:

a) the expert's scientific, technical, or other specialized knowledge will help the trier of fact to understand the evidence or to determine a fact in issue;
b) the testimony is based on sufficient facts or data;
c) the testimony is the product of reliable principles and methods; and
d) the expert has reliably applied the principles and methods to the facts of the case.

DAUBERT STANDARD

- Judge as Gatekeeper
- Relevance and Reliability
- Scientific Knowledge – Methodology
- Factors Relevant
  - Empirical testing – falsifiable
  - Peer review – publications
  - Known or potential error rate
  - Standards and controls
  - Generally accepted in scientific community

JUNK SCIENCE (pseudoscience)

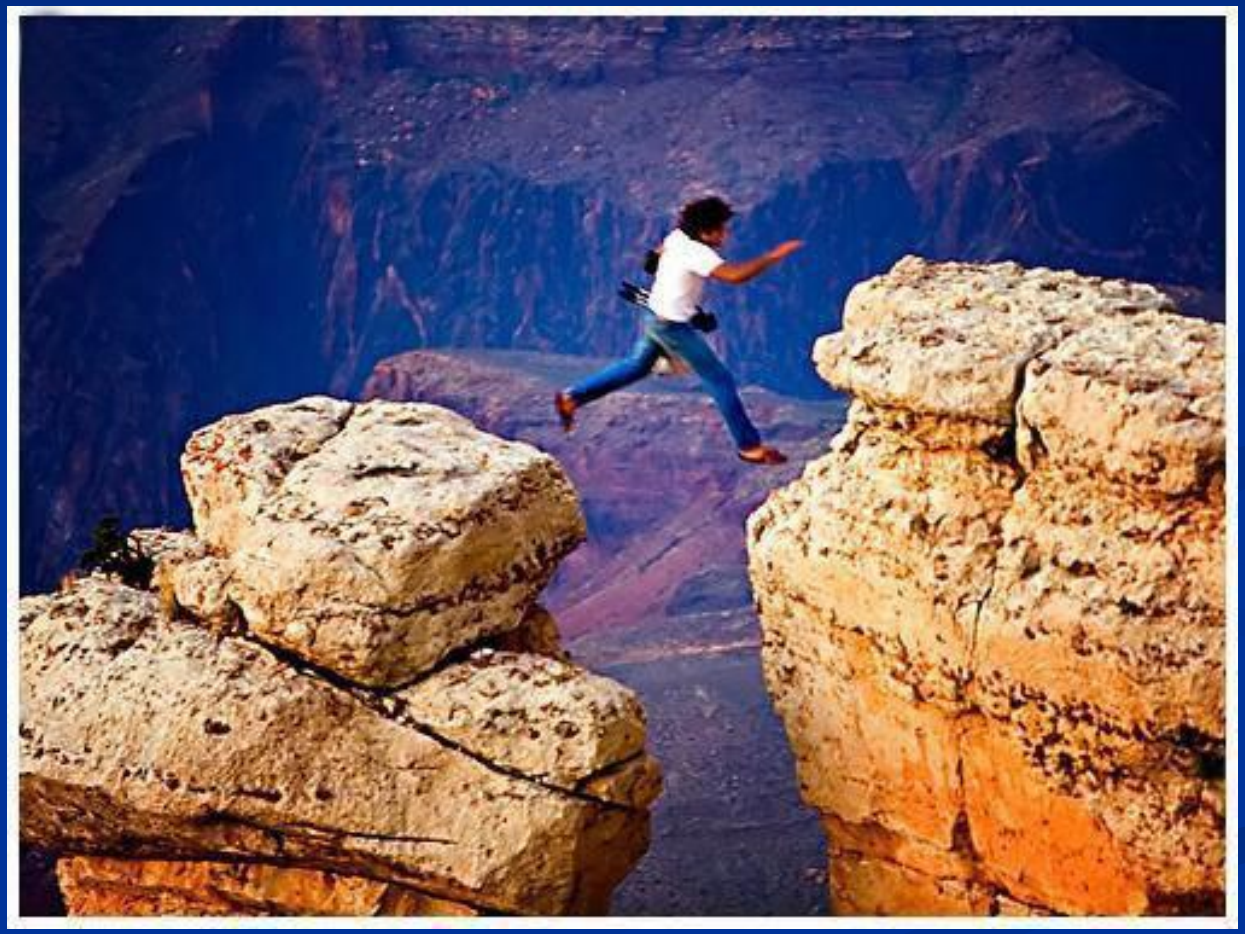


“Trust me, I’m a Doctor.”





LEAPING FROM DATA TO OPINION



COMPETENCE

- EPPCC – 2.01(f)
- "When assuming forensic roles, psychologists are or become reasonably familiar with the judicial or administrative rules governing their roles."



WHAT DOES THE RESEARCH SAY?



PERCEPTION



THE PROBLEM OF BIAS

- Personal Bias
- Clinical Bias
- Confirmation Bias
- Attribution Bias
  - Situational vs. Dispositional
- Affiliation / Allegiance Bias
  - Hiring history
  - Money

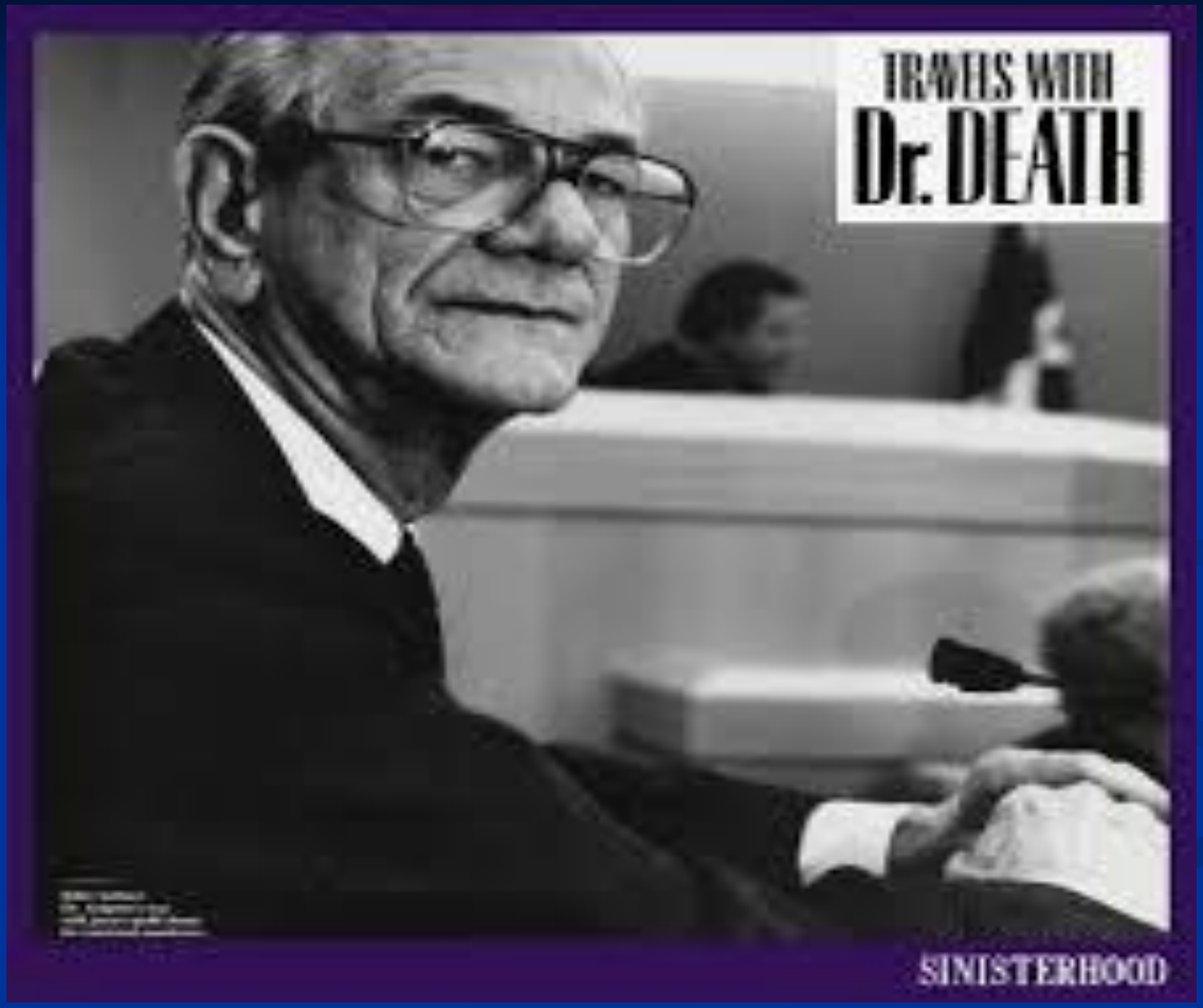


HIRED GUN



DR. DEATH


"DR. DEATH"
STEVE WILLIAMS


TRAVELS WITH
Dr. DEATH
SINISTERHOOD

LET'S TALK ABOUT DR. DEATH

- Texas Psychiatrist (1932-2004)
- Testified in 167 Capital/Death Penalty Cases
- Nearly all cases resulted in Death Penalty convictions
- Usually never met with defendant or only for a few minutes
- Opined all defendants were likely to commit a violence offense again
- Expelled from the practice of psychiatry in 1995 for unethical conduct

ALLEGIANCE EFFECTS

Source: Dr. Daniel Murrie, Psychological Science, 2013

- 108 Forensic Psychologists and Psychiatrists
- Paid to Conduct Risk Assessments
- File Review Only
- Deceived Into Believing Working for Defense or State
- Opinions (including test scores) Favored Side That "Hired" Them

DR. TESS NEAL (PLoS ONE, 2016)

- 206 Forensic Psychologists
- Opposition to Death Penalty Led to Mostly Testifying for the Defense or Refusing Case from Either Side
- Support of the Death Penalty Led to Mostly Accepting Cases from the Prosecution.
- May Explain Allegiance Effects as Examiners Choose Sides and are Not Necessarily Chosen

ACCURACY, FAIRNESS, AND AVOIDANCE OF DECEPTION

- SGFP - Guideline 11.01
- Accuracy, Fairness, and Avoidance of Deception
- Facilitate Understanding of Evidence or Dispute
- Distorting and Withholding of Evidence
- Remaining Fair in Presentation
- Providing Evidence Contrary to Opinion

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY



KNOWING YOUR BATTING AVERAGE



STAY IN YOUR LANE



BE TRANSPARENT



DON'T TELL FISH STORIES



DUAL RELATIONSHIPS

- ATSA PCE 8(b) – Dual Relationships
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- SGFP 4.02 – Multiple Relationships



CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- Friendships with Attorneys
- Speaking Engagements (organizations, co-presenting)
- Multiple Roles (e.g., therapist for lawyer)
- Published Article with Attorney
- Use of Legal Services
- Lawsuits
- Ethics Complaints

FUN WITH ETHICS

You have just testified for the defense in a high-profile sexual abuse case with multiple victims at a day care center. After a long and contentious trial, the defendant is found by a jury to be not guilty of the charges and set free from incarceration. One week later, you receive a telephone call from the defense attorney expressing their appreciation for your testimony as part of the "defense team," and asking if you would like to join everyone else on the team for a celebration dinner paid for by the defense attorney. What do you do?

THE SHOW GOES ON



IT'S NOT JUST US!

- Latent Fingerprints Analysis
- Arson Investigations
- Scent Detection Dogs
- Bite-Mark Analysis
- Forensic Anthropology
- Complex DNA
- Hair Comparisons
- Tool Mark Evidence
- Bloodstain patterns



Innocence Project (2025)

ETHICAL PROBLEMS IN MEDICINE

The *International Business Times* includes an article: "Seattle Doctor Arthur Zilberstein Suspended for 'Sexting Naked Selfie During Surgery'" by Lewis Dean.

A doctor has been suspended by his medical board after he allegedly sent dozens of sexually explicit text messages and a naked selfie while he was performing surgery.

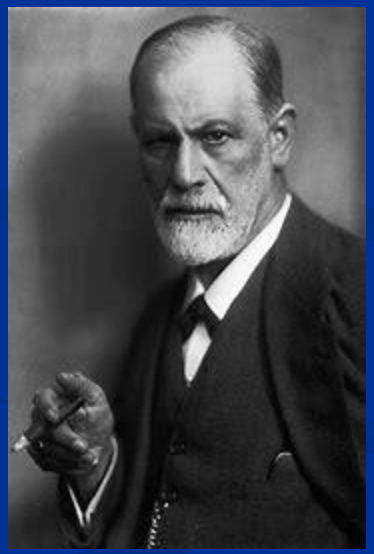
THE ETHICS OF ATTORNEY SUGGESTIONS/GUIDANCE

- Changes in Reports
  slippery slope
- Suggestions for Depositions
  omissions
- Rehearsing Direct-Examination
  handling misleading information
- Preparation for Cross-Examination
  being transparent



THE TESTIFYING THERAPIST

- Role Conflicts
- Acknowledging Advocacy Role
- Avoiding Forensic Opinions
- Proper Releases
- Informing Client
- Lay Witness or Expert Witness



ADMIT MISTAKES

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PERSUASIVENESS









YOU ARE NOT THE STAR



PERSONAL QUESTIONS

- What are You Being Paid for Your Testimony?
- How Much Did You Make Last Year?
- Has One of Your Family Members Ever Been a Victim of a Crime?
- Would You Still Say the Defendant Was a Low Risk if he had Sexually Offended Your Daughter"
- Do You Believe in God?
- Do You Own a Gun?
- What Age Did You Lose Your Virginity?

DEALING WITH PERSONAL QUESTIONS

- Don't Answer Immediately (forever part of record)
- Ask to Repeat Question
- Glance at Attorney Who Hired You
- Glance at Judge
- Say You Will Only Answer if Judge Orders
- Don't Lose Your Cool


HLN'S NON
LIVE
COVERAGE OF ARIAS TRIAL
HLN'S NONSTOP COVERAGE OF
HLN
JUAN SPARS WITH ALYCE LAVIOLETTE
Prosecutor questions expert defense witness about her credentials and experience
Jane
VELEZ-MITCHELL
HLN

FATSA SHAMING

CROSS-EXAMINATION

- Q – So Doctor, you belong to several professional organizations, correct?
- A – Yes.
- Q – One of those organizations is the Florida Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers or FATSA, correct?
- A – Yes.
- Q – So, FATSA is involved in the assessment and treatment of sex offenders, correct?
- A – Yes.
- Q- Do you belong to any professional organizations that are dedicated to helping victims of sexual abuse, or are you only concerned about the person who commits the sex offense?

CROSS EXAMINATION (cont.)

- A – Actually, FATSA is dedicated to the prevention of sexual abuse and identifying individuals who are high risk for sexually reoffending to recommend required levels of restrictiveness and to implement effective treatment strategies. FATSA is dedicated to helping to create a safer society.
- A – No, I am not.

TEST SECURITY WHILE TESTIFYING

- Item Analysis
- Cut-off Scores
- Malingering/Feigning Items Explained
- I.Q. Test Question Disclosure



INTERPRETING TEST RESULTS

Q - "Where do you get your data or control group to compare N.C. scores to a group of people that are 22 years and 10 months old?"

A – "Well, you wouldn't be comparing to a group of people that's 22.10."

Q – "Who are you comparing him to then?

A - "No one. I'm comparing him to himself. Nobody should be compared to anyone else. I'm just reporting on his ability."

SGFP GUIDELINE 11.05

When evaluating or commenting on the work or qualifications of other professionals involved in legal proceedings, forensic practitioners seek to represent their disagreements in a professional and respectful tone, and base them on a fair examination of the data, theories, standards, and opinions of the other expert or party.

DISAGREEING WITH OTHER EXPERTS

- Be respectful
- The other expert is not an idiot for disagreeing (reasonable experts can disagree)
- Consider how the other expert arrived at their opinion
- Don't make it a competition
- Concede points on which you agree with the other expert
- Don't criticize others just to advance yourself

THE USE OF HUMOR WHILE TESTIFYING





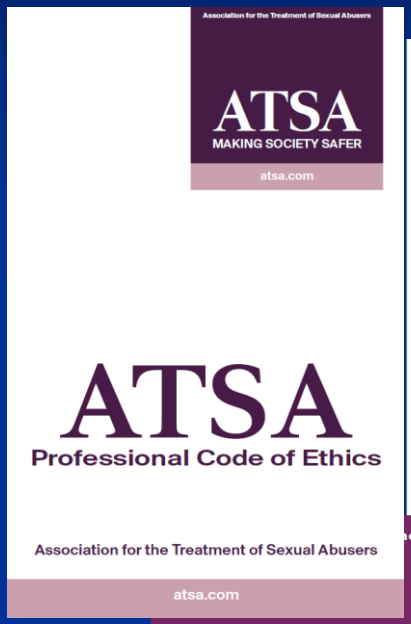
IF YOU WEREN'T LISTENING

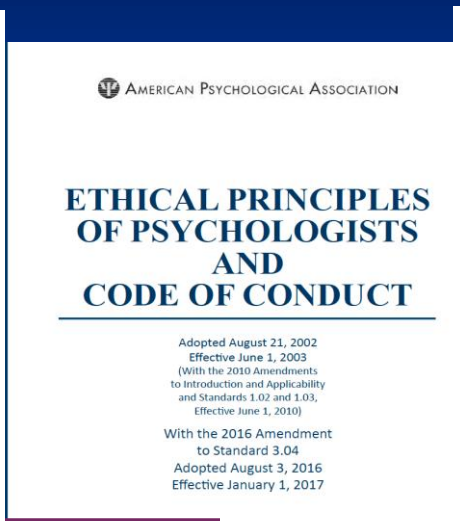
- Testifying in court can be a challenge.
- What you do can have consequences on others.
- Don't call other experts unethical idiots.
- You are not the star. You are just evidence.
- You are biased. Do something about it.
- Don't tell fish stories. It makes the fish mad.
- Judges are like my wife and you are not Chris Rock.

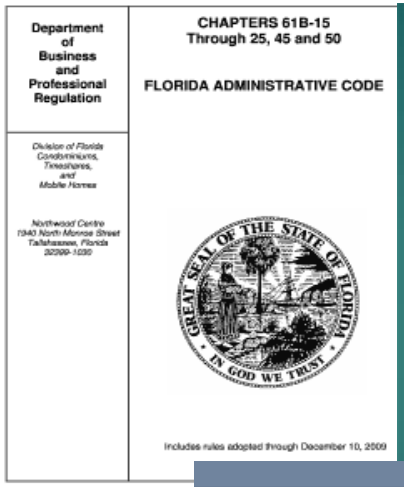
PARTING THOUGHTS - LISTEN TO YOUR GUT



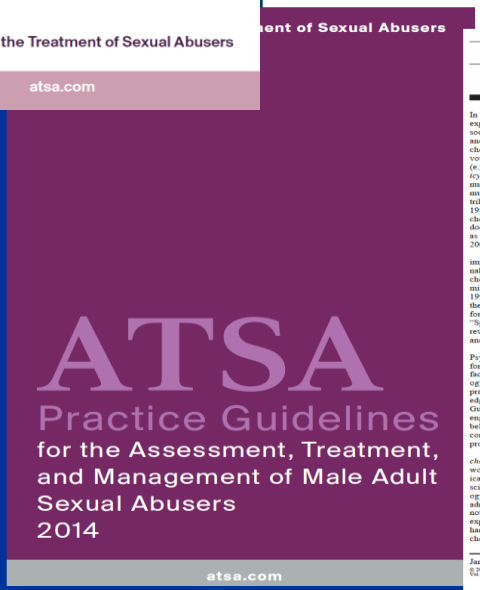
PARTING THOUGHTS - CONSULT YOUR GUIDES

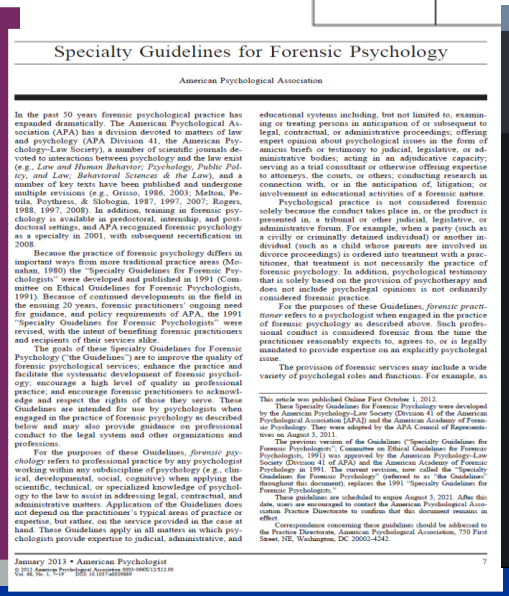


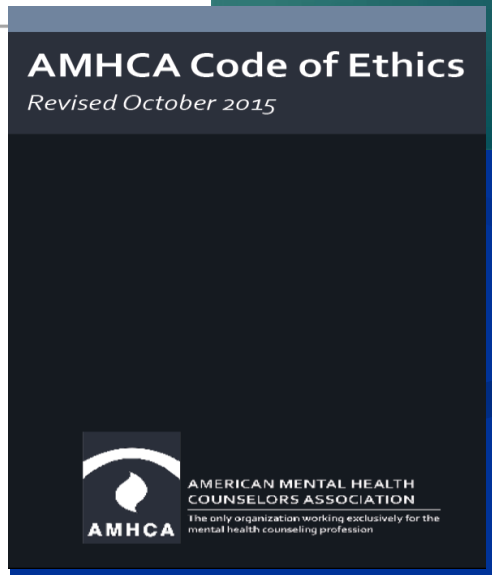












PARTING THOUGHTS - PHONE A FRIEND



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PARTING THOUGHTS – RESPONDING TO ETHICS VIOLATONS

- APA EPPCC 1.04 & 1.05:
  - Step 1 - Have a conversation with your colleague
    - (if immediate harm is indicated – skip to #3)
  - Step 2 - Written correspondence to your colleague
    - (if immediate harm is indicated – skip to #3)
  - Step 3 - Report to Ethics Committee/Licensing Board

DON'T FORGET TO DOCUMENT!!

CARE TO SHARE?

- What ethical dilemmas have you encountered?













LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE SOME QUESTIONS?



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