

Dan's Study Guide to Exam 2
Will be updated as we get closer to the Exam date!
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Courtroom realism v. idealism.

Role distinctions and differing goals of therapists and attorneys.

MFTs three roles within the legal system (Ruback, 1982).

Common Law.

Constitutional Law.

Administrative Law.

Appellate Courts and their function.

~~Know three things about Lee Marvin.~~

Civil Law v. Criminal Law. Who is offended? What are the punishments?

Know more about the Tarasoff Case.

Know how courts are to determine reasonableness.

Can MFTs predict violent behavior? How? What are some of the cues one needs to observe in the assessment of violent behaviors?

How perfect must we be in our assessment of potential violence?

Duty to protect and Duty to warn. Big stuff here. . .

Mandated Reporters. Be able to name 10 of them by profession.

How do you report? Time constraints, modalities. Differences between "elder" and "child" on reporting. Child: Immediately/36 hours; Elder: Immediately/48 hours or 2 business days.

How to work with a boss who wants to report for you.

What constitutes abuse? What is the rule on mental/emotional abuse? Neglect?

What protections are available for Mandated Reporters?

How to consult with CPS.

How to make a call, report.

Fines, punishment for failure to report.

Why do we have a child abuse law, anyway?

Child abuse as a federal crime. Really?

Sexual conduct among children, teens, young adults, adults. What are the ages where one can play? How do the age distinctions break down?

Some things people do as "sex play" are more serious (by law) than the real thing. Elaborate.

What about my priest? Oops, I forgot, I'm not a Catholic. Sorry.

The relationship between the law and cultural tolerance or acceptance of underage sexual contact.

More on sex with patient. This'll be on every test. Just can't seem to say enough about it.

How do I report therapist sexual contact when I meet a victimized patient?

Advertising my practice. Dos and Don'ts.

Keeping records. Must I?

What are the basic rules of gaining consent from parents to counsel their minor children? Married parents, divorced parents, unmarried parents, step-parents, etc.

Kinds of malpractice liability insurance. Know this stuff the two kinds discussed in class.

~~Take a look at Vermont's Civil Union Law (My web site has most of it). What is the extent of this? What does it all mean? Why Vermont of all places?~~

~~Grounds for divorce in the olden days. Grounds for divorce in the present days.~~

~~Paternity. What is it all about? How has determination improved over the years? The~~

~~Tender Years Doctrine. What is it, and what do you think about it? Gentlemen?
—Ladies?~~

~~Annulment. What, Why, When, Where, Whow? (guess that is misspelled, huh?)
Why can't one attorney represent both of us in divorce? Why is this a problem?~~

~~Divorce mediation. Know something about this. What are the mediation rules that
—must be followed?~~

~~Consent for treatment of minors. Start on page 37 of the Atkins book.~~

~~Subpoenas; don't fumble these.~~

~~Family Court Services. What is it? How does it work? Why do we have it?~~

~~Under-aged marriage. What is the legal age? What must I do if I want to marry
under that age?~~

~~Child Support. How is it tracked? What can they do to me if I weasel out of it?~~

~~What are some considerations for interviewing young sexual abuse victims?~~

~~What are the factors used to predict violence?~~

~~What about testimonials? "87% of Dr. Smith's patients feel significant relief from
—Major Depression symptoms."~~

~~Advertising, we'll discuss before the exam.~~