



North Carolina Psychological Association

DIVISION OF INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

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**Legal and Ethical Risks and Risk Management in
Professional Psychological Practice
Sequence II: Risk Management in Specific High Risk Areas**

Presented by
Jeffrey N. Younggren, Ph.D. , ABPP

Saturday, June 21, 2008
The Friday Center – Chapel Hill, NC



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Six Hours Continuing Education Credit

15% Discount for APAIT Insured

Workshop Description

For the last ten years, there has been a major increase in the number of lawsuits, licensing board complaints, and ethics committee complaints against clinical psychologists. As managed care continues to dominate third party reimbursement in both the private and public sectors, any adverse disciplinary event can make it difficult, if not impossible to meet credentialing requirements. The changes in the economic system have led to changes in therapeutic approaches and business organizations that, in turn, have increased the complexity of the legal and regulatory environment. 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. Younggren 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. The program will describe how and when practitioners can utilize the APAIT Advocate 800 Risk Management Consultation Service as part of their own risk management strategies.

The workshop is primarily directed to psychologists in private practice but is applicable to all sites where health services are provided.

By the end of this workshop participants will:

1. learn basic strategies for identifying high risk situations and managing professional 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; and
5. learn ethical standards governing these areas of practice.

Time: 9:00 am - 12:15, 1:30 - 4:45 pm

Credit: 6 hrs Continuing Education Credit

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Those who attend the workshop and complete the APAIT evaluation form will receive six continuing education credits. Please note that APA CE rules require that we only give credit to those who attend the entire workshop. Those arriving more than 15 minutes after the scheduled start time or leaving before the workshop is complete will not receive CE credits and will not be eligible for the 15% premium discount.

About the Presenter:

Jeffrey N. Younggren, Ph.D., ABPP

A Fellow of the American Psychological Association and a Distinguished Member of the National Academy of Practice, Dr. Younggren is a clinical and forensic psychologist who practices in Rolling Hills Estates, California. He also is an associate clinical professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Medicine. Dr. Younggren served as a member and chair of the Ethics Committees of the California Psychological Association and the American Psychological Association. He consults to various licensing boards on ethics and standards of care, and he qualifies as an expert in criminal, civil, and administrative proceedings. Recently, Dr. Younggren testified regarding the fallibility of memory secondary to trauma and post traumatic stress disorder before the United Nations Bosnian War Crimes Tribunal in the Hague.



WORKSHOP INFORMATION

Workshop Registration Fee, Deadlines and Refund Policy:

The registration fee includes the workshop, refreshment breaks, and lunch. The deadline for registration is JUNE 13, 2008. A \$40 late fee is added for registration received after June 13, 2008. You will receive full refund for cancellation by June 6, 2008, a one-half refund by noon, June 13, 2008 and no refund after noon on June 13, 2008. **A \$40 administrative fee will be charged for all refunds.**

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Bonus for APAIT Insureds: Psychologists insured through the Trust-sponsored Professional Liability Program receive a 15% premium discount on their Professional Liability Insurance for the next two policy years for attending this workshop. (For group practices, 50% or more of the group must attend for the discount to apply. Discount not applicable for student and research/academician insureds).

Attendance Requirements: To receive credit, you must be present for the entire workshop, and you must sign the sign-in and sign-out sheets. No credit will be given to participants who are more than 15 minutes late at the beginning of the morning and afternoon sessions. No credit will be given to participants who leave before the close of the workshop. You must complete the evaluation forms and turn them in at the close of the presentation to receive credit.

Facility Information: The Friday Center is located just off I-40 in Chapel Hill. Use the Highway #54 exit (273 A or B). Directions will be sent with your conference confirmation. **Hotel Information –** If you would like a list of hotels please contact the NCPA Office by fax, email or in writing.

Special Needs: If you have special dietary needs (vegetarian, medical problems, etc.) or physical needs please note this on the registration form. **This must be received one (1) week in advance.**

No Smoking: The workshop is non-smoking.

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2008 RISK MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 13, 2008

Name _____ Degree _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Office Phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

E-Mail (please print) _____

Profession (Psychologist, Social Worker, etc.) _____

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE REGISTRATION FEE:

- Division Member - \$125
- NCPA non-Division Member - \$175
- APAIT Insured, NOT NCPA member - \$175
(must include current APAIT Insured cover sheet)
- Non-Psychologist Member of Another Profession - \$175
- Psychologist Non-Member - \$225
- Graduate Student - \$50 (10 slots available)

- Add \$40 after June 13 \$____ (must be in office June 13 to avoid late fee)

Note: Registration is not considered received unless it is accompanied by payment -spaces will not be held without payment.

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Special Needs: I have special needs (dietary/physical) _____
(must know by June 13, 2008)

PAYMENT METHOD Circle: Check MasterCard VISA For credit card, you must complete:

Name (as it appears on card) _____

Card Number _____ **Exp. Date** _____ **CVC #** _____

Exact Billing Address of Card _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Signature _____

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