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## **LAW AND ETHICS IN PSYCHOTHERAPY: 21<sup>ST</sup> Century Challenges**

### **General Schedule**

9:30 am: Registration  
10:00 am: Welcome, logistics, introductions  
10:15 am: Instruction Begins  
12:15 pm: Lunch  
1:15 pm: Course Resumes  
3:00 pm: Break  
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4:30 pm: Remaining questions  
4:45 pm: Evaluation/CEU/sign-out  
5:00 pm: Conclusion

### **Course Outline**

1. Introductory Comments
2. Two Contemporary Ethical Issues Confronting Psychotherapists
  - a. Should psychologists or other mental health professionals to assist in interrogations at Guantanamo and CIA-operated “black sites?”
  - b. Is it ethical for psychotherapists to participate in Sexually Violent Predator Evaluations on behalf of the State?
3. Privacy and Confidentiality
4. Should Your Patient Come First or Last? (The Patriot Act and Confidentiality: A Distressing Conundrum)
5. Ethical issues in Couples Therapy; Group Therapy; Phone Therapy
6. Exceptions to Confidentiality: Child Abuse; Duty to Protect; Elder Abuse; AIDS-related issues; Patient-Litigant Exception; Minors and Confidentiality
7. Dual-role Relationships
8. Termination Issues:  
Abandonment of Treatment: Chaotic Terminations; The “Purchase of Friendship”
9. Record-Keeping: How Much? What to Keep? How Long to Keep?
10. Malpractice and Licensure Complaints
11. Coping with Subpoenas
12. Depositions and Expert Witness Testimony
13. Informal Discussion (Question-Answer Period)