



L&E: They Did What?! A Case Study Review of Disciplinary Actions

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Therapist Development Center Provider #1449

Course format: Self-paced recorded audio lecture

Length: 6 hours

Continuing education credits: 6

About the Course

This course will provide participants with a deeper understanding of what behaviors can lead to disciplinary investigations with the California Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS). This course will review actual cases of disciplinary investigations that the BBS has published and made public. The instructors will share the facts of each case and discuss the underlying illegal and/or unethical behaviors. The instructors will also explore what safeguards could have prevented the disciplinary investigation and protected the clinician during the investigatory process. In addition, the course will provide psychotherapists an understanding of what to do if they become part of a disciplinary investigation.

Instructors

- **Amanda Rowan** is an LCSW and the founder and CEO of the Therapist Development Center. Amanda graduated with honors from Dartmouth College, where she majored in Neuroscience. She earned her Masters in Social Welfare at UCLA. Since founding the Therapist Development Center in 2008, Amanda has prepared more than 100,000 therapists nationwide to pass their state licensing exams. She is a certified Gestalt Therapist who has worked with a wide variety of clients in a range of settings over the past 20 years. She is a highly effective instructor who has a passion for collaborating with seasoned therapists who understand what works because they do it every day.
- **Robin Gluck** is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor. Robin was instrumental in creating the Law and Ethics Exam Prep Program and the MFT Clinical Written Exam and taught law and ethics to Associate MFTs for over 10 years. Robin has a bachelor's degree from Emory University, a Master's Degree in Public Policy from American University, and a Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Counseling from San Francisco State University.



- **Elisabeth Gonella** is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist with over 30 years experience. She has expertise in working with adolescents and young adults which includes college-based counseling, private practice, wilderness based programs, emotional growth boarding schools, and psychiatric hospital settings. She is experienced in acute psychiatric care and crisis management fostered by collaborative work in psychiatric care institutions. Elisabeth is a Core Faculty member of Pacifica Graduate Institute, teaching primarily the following: Process of Psychotherapy, Clinical Practice, and Law and Ethics and Career Development. Elisabeth has a Bachelor's Degree from Westmont College and earned her Masters in Counseling Psychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute.

Who Should Attend

This course is appropriate for mental health clinicians at all levels of experience who are interested in gaining essential knowledge on legal and ethical issues that have led to disciplinary investigations, learning how to proactively avoid investigations, and obtain guidance on how to respond effectively if one occurs.

This course is appropriate for mental health providers in California.

Therapist Development Center, provider 1449, is approved as an ACE provider to offer social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Regulatory boards are the final authority on courses accepted for continuing education credit. ACE provider approval period: 5/30/24-5/30/27. Social workers completing this course receive 6 legal and ethical continuing education credits.

Therapist Development Center is recognized by the New York State Education Department's (NYSED) State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers SW-0857.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion, participants are expected to be able to:

1. Describe characteristics of an unethical dual relationship
2. Identify steps a psychotherapist can take to demonstrate they have met the standard of care
3. List five potential consequences of involvement in a disciplinary investigation
4. List five steps that can be taken when responding to a BBS investigation

Course Outline

1. Introduction and Objectives
2. Investigations: Preparation and Response
3. Review Case Studies
 - Case 1: Allison
 - Case 2: Bernie
 - Case 3: Carlos



- Case 4: Donald
- Case 5: Eric
- Case 6: Francis
- Case 7: Glen
- Case 8: Henry
- Case 9: Isabella
- Case 10: Jennifer

Registration: Please register online at www.therapistdevelopmentcenter.com

Price: \$96

How to Access This Course: Once registered, participants will be able to download handouts and listen to recorded audio lectures.

Certificate of Completion: The participant will be able to print their certificate of completion immediately after receiving a score of 80% or better on the posttest and completing the course evaluation.

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