

Clients and Mental Health: Mythbusting, Communication Tips, and Ethical Considerations



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DESCRIPTION

This seminar will focus on serving the needs of clients with mental illness. First, our experienced presenters will address common misconceptions about mental illness and concerns about working with this population. Then we will take a deeper dive into how mental illness may present in clients and ways to ensure you are communicating both ethically and effectively.

AGENDA

1 Mythbusting Common Misconceptions about Mental Illness

In this session, presenters will address common misconceptions about mental illness and typical questions lawyers may have about working with this population.

Coco Holbrook - Northwest Justice Project, Wenatchee, WA

Lisa Lovejoy, CPC - King County Behavioral Health & Recovery Division

2 Your Client is in Crisis. Now what? Recognizing and Responding to Mental Health Issues

Learn how common mental illnesses are diagnosed and how they may present in your clients. Our presenters will also share best practices for communicating with clients with mental illness through a trauma-informed lens.

Judge Johanna Bender - King County Superior Court, Seattle, WA

Ash Warren, MSW, LICSW - King County Behavioral Health & Recovery Division, Seattle, WA

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3 Ethical and Effective Communication

Presenters will cover RPCs 1.1 (Competent Representation), 1.2 (Scope of Representation), 1.4 (Communication), 1.6 (Confidences), and 1.14 (Client with diminished capacity) as they relate to working with clients with mental illness, traumatic brain injury, and other conditions, plus provide practical tips to implement better communication skills that will benefit all of your clients. The session will wrap up with a Q&A session.

Cindy Arends Elsberry - Washington Defender Association, Seattle, WA

Coco Holbrook - Northwest Justice Project, Wenatchee, WA