

Legal Issues in Social Work
The Ethics of Documentation, Reporting & Board Complaints

Time	Topic	Presenter
9:00 – 10:15	<p><u>Ethical Considerations in Documentation</u> <i>Documentation of clinical or forensic sessions is critical to providing quality services to your clients as well as managing risk. This segment will cover a variety of ethical issues that arise when documenting your sessions with clients. It will include what information to include in your documentation as well as what not to include and what to do if your client asks you not to document any of the session. It will also cover how to avoid ethical issues when there is more than one client in your session, or if non-clients attend your sessions. Lastly, it will cover ethical issues relating to new legislation, new administrative rules and important issues to address in your documentation including fee agreements, informed consents, Authorizations and requests for your records.</i></p>	<p>Paul A. Cooney David Madigan</p>
10:15 – 10:30	Morning Break	
10:30 – 11:30	<p><u>Ethical Considerations in Abuse Reporting</u> <i>Balancing the privacy rights of your clients with the duty to report abuse is often challenging. This segment will cover ethical issues arising in reporting child abuse, elder abuse, domestic violence, and abuse involving developmentally disabled individuals. This will also cover new legislation requiring social workers to report other healthcare providers who engage in unprofessional or prohibited conduct.</i></p>	<p>Paul A. Cooney</p>

11:30 – 12:15	<u>Ethics and Board Complaints</u> <i>Ethical problems may develop into Board complaints. This segment will cover the most common board complaints, what to do when a complaint is received, how to avoid creating new ethical problems while responding to the Board including what information may or may not be given to the Board and your ethical obligations to cooperate with Board investigations.</i>	Paul A. Cooney David Madigan
12:15- 1:15	Lunch on your own	