

Presenters

Whit Smith

Whit Smith has practiced law since 1977. He provides legal representation to a range of non-profit community mental health and developmental service providers in northern and central Vermont, including HowardCenter, Inc., NFI Vermont, Inc., and Northwestern Counseling and Support Services, Inc. In addition, he represents a number of clinicians in private practice in the fields of mental health and substance abuse services.

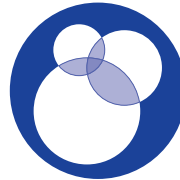


A significant portion of his work has involved the representation of individuals with disabilities and their families. In this regard, Whit has represented children and adults with disabilities in protracted litigation in Louisiana, Texas, and Mississippi, as well as Vermont.

Prior to entering private practice in 1983, Whit worked for several non-profit advocacy organizations, including the Children's Defense Fund of Washington, D.C., and Vermont Legal Aid, Inc. He is a graduate of Yale University and the Yale Law School.

Cara Capparelli, MA

Cara Capparelli is a Licensed Psychologist-Master and the Clinical Director for NFI. She has worked in community mental health in Vermont for over 25 years.



NFI VT is a non-profit mental health agency offering a statewide network of community based treatment and educational services to children and their families.

NFI VT also provides trainings and conferences to the local community, with the goal of improving services to children and their families.

CEU's are available for social workers, psychologists, and mental health counselors.

NFI VT IS PLEASED TO PRESENT:

"Selected Legal and Ethical Issues in Clinical Practice: Practical Guidance for Ethical Professionals"



**Whit Smith
Attorney at Law
with
Cara Capparelli, MA**

Earn 4 Ethics CEU's

November 8, 2013

8:30am-1:00pm

Main Street Landing, Burlington

1. Dealing with High Risk Situations Involving Challenging Clients.

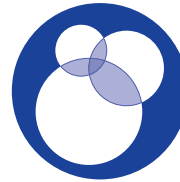
The seminar will address clinicians' options in working with clients who are challenging or present a risk of harm to themselves or others. Particular attention will be paid to high risk areas of practice such as the duty to warn and issues related patient suicide. These subjects will be discussed in the context of patient confidentiality requirements under federal and Vermont law, including those exceptions related to mandated reporting and medical emergencies. The presentation will offer proactive suggestions for dealing with commonly occurring problems posed by challenging clients.

2. Practical Tips for Avoiding Common Ethical Problems.

The presentation will include an in-depth focus on situations which present important legal and ethical risks to clinicians. The disciplinary actions and decisions issued by State licensing officials will be discussed. In addition, the seminar will address the use of peer review committees. The goal of this portion of the program is to offer clinicians proactive options to avoid frequently occurring ethical challenges facing them.

3. Handling Lawyers and Court Situations.

The seminar will review the unique problems that arise when clinicians become involved with lawyers and the judicial system. The professional risks associated with testimony in cases, particularly divorce, contested custody, and other highly conflicted litigation, will be discussed. The presentation will include specific guidance on how to avoid involvement in the judicial system or, alternatively, how to respond to subpoenas and prepare for court appearances.



Registration: Begins at 8:00 am

Morning Lectures: Begin at 8:30am

- There will be two 15 minute breaks.
- Feel free to bring your own snacks and a lunch!

Conference ends at 1:00pm

The Conference will be held at the Main Street Landing. Please visit their website for address and directions.

www.mainstreetlanding.com

Parking is available at either street-side meters or in the Hilton underground lot.

Registration Fee:

Regular \$55

Discounts available for groups of three or more people. Please contact Amy Whittmore for details.

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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