

CE Provider Information

Another in a series of professional development experiences under the sponsorship of the National Association of Social Workers, Florida Chapter. All of NASW-FL's continuing education programs are planned in accordance with meeting the criteria set forth and are approved for licensure renewal as outlined in Florida Statutes Chapter 491 and by the Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling. This workshop is approved for and offers 3 clinical contact hours for clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists and mental health counselors.

Additionally, the content and learning objectives for this course fulfill the requirements set forth by the Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling for training on *Ethics & Boundary Issues*. Renewing licensees are required to fulfill this requirement every biennium.

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and the Northeast Unit present:

LEGAL ISSUES THAT MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS FACE: PREPARING YOURSELF FOR THE COURTROOM



Presented by:
Laura Sterling, LCSW, Esq.

January 20, 2012

9:00am–12:00pm

Registration begins at 8:30am

This 3-hour training fulfills the Ethics & Boundary Issues requirement—see inside for details!

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Educational Institute of
Community Hospice**

4266 Sunbeam Rd., Bldg 100
Jacksonville, FL 32257

Training Agenda

8:30 am–9:00 am
Registration & Sign-In

9:00 am–12:00 pm
Workshop Presentation

About the Training

Upon completion of this workshop, participants will understand the following concepts:

- ◆ The differences between expert testimony and lay testimony, and how social workers fit into the respective categories, along with the importance of ethical documentation;
- ◆ The testimonial privileges that are afforded social workers when they are called into court in custody issues, family issues, or other types of evidentiary issues, and how confidentiality is protected;
- ◆ The solidity of the psychotherapist/patient privilege, and how a social worker can ethically and legally protect that privilege when called into court;
- ◆ How social workers should ethically present themselves in court, and how to conduct themselves in court proceedings.

About the Presenter



Laura Sterling, LCSW, Esq. graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Social Work from St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minnesota in 1992.

She immediately began working as a social worker in a nursing home in Orlando, and worked for several years as a social worker in several nursing homes in Orlando until UCF began their MSW program. She graduated with her MSW in 1996, and continued working as a social worker in nursing homes, but began working with local immigration attorneys as an expert witness in immigration cases. She became an LCSW in 2000, and was accepted to the Florida A & M University College of Law in Orlando and graduated in 2005. Today she works as a social worker, as well as an attorney, by continuing to be an expert witness in immigration, dependency, and family cases, and providing private counseling. Her law practice primarily consists of family and domestic issues, estate planning, and general law. She is currently an Adjunct Professor at the University of Central Florida, supervises students at the Federal Public Defender's Office in Orlando, and supervises registered social work interns.

Registration Form

Legal Issues that Social Workers Face: Preparing Yourself for the Courtroom *January 20, 2012—Jacksonville, FL*

Registration is limited, early registration is encouraged. Please detach this completed form and forward to NASW-FL at the address listed below.

Registration Fees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Licensed NASW Members | \$30.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Licensed Non-Members | \$45.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Students/Unlicensed Professionals | \$25.00 |

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Method of Payment:

- Check (made payable to NASW-FL)
- Visa/MasterCard/American Express (complete below)

Credit Card # _____

Exp. date _____

Signature _____

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ADA Accommodations: If you require accommodation to facilitate participation, please provide a written request at the time you submit your completed registration and payment. Requests must be received no later than 2 weeks prior to the event to allow adequate processing time to arrange accommodation.

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