

## Law/Ethics/Regulations

### Annotated List of Helpful Websites<sup>1</sup>

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All of the following websites offer free information, and some also offer downloadable resources that mental health professionals may find very helpful. This list will be updated periodically. If you know of others that you find helpful, please contact us.

[www.americanprofessional.com](http://www.americanprofessional.com) This is the website for the American Professional Agency, which has a link for “shopping tips” regarding malpractice insurance which is a “must-read” for all mental health practitioners, regardless of whether they are in independent practice or working for agencies or organizations.

[www.apait.org](http://www.apait.org) This is the website for the American Psychological Association Insurance Trust, which is a free, public website with a “resource” section that has downloadable forms for informed consent to treatment, informed consent for minors, for coaching, for visitors in psychotherapy, for forensic evaluations, etc.

[www.centerforethicalpractice.org](http://www.centerforethicalpractice.org) This website offers a variety of free forms for the clinical practitioner, covering a range of informed consents that characterize the practices of many clinicians working with children and families.

[clinicallawyer.com](http://clinicallawyer.com) Adam Alban, PhD, JD has created this very helpful website. Adam practices both law and psychology and offers blogs that address myriad issues of concern to mental health practitioners. Watch for Adam’s courses on aging, dementia and competencies coming soon to SFG.

[www.e-psychologist.org](http://www.e-psychologist.org) This is the website for the continuing education division of the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology. Articles on this website are free, but payment must be made to receive continuing education credits. In the left-hand margin, clicking on CE Modules 13 and 14 will bring up two excellent articles on legal/ethical concerns for supervisors, with a sample supervision contract.

[www.kspope.com](http://www.kspope.com) This is the website of Kenneth Pope, PhD a psychologist with senior status in the world of ethics. Here, you will find practice forms (e.g., informed consent), guidance regarding dual relationships and a host of helpful information concerning ethics issues. I can’t say enough about how broad and deep is the information on this website.

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<sup>1</sup> Some of these websites also sell products, and the fact that they are listed here implies no endorsement of such products.