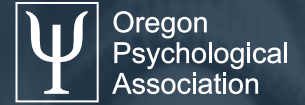


Oregon Psychological Association Webinar



Legal & Ethical Update

Presented by: Paul Cooney & David J. Madigan

Friday, October 24, 2025

9:00am – 1:00pm PST

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4 Hours of CEU

Speaker Bios

Paul Cooney is a healthcare attorney who has been in practice for 32 years. Mr. Cooney is a partner at Cooney, Cooney and Madigan, LLC where he specializes in mental health law and represents a wide variety of healthcare professionals in all aspects of their practice. Mr. Cooney is General Counsel for the Oregon Psychological Association and the Oregon Counseling Association. He represents mental health professionals in licensing and discipline, and general business matters. He is licensed to practice in both Oregon and Washington and is a frequent speaker on legal issues and risk management.

David J. Madigan is a healthcare attorney who has been in practice for 23 years. Mr. Madigan is a member of Cooney Cooney & Madigan, LLC, where he represents a wide variety of healthcare professionals in all aspects of their practice. As a healthcare attorney, his practice focuses on defending Board complaints, advising healthcare practices on state and federal regulations, including Medicare, HIPAA privacy and security compliance, and data breach investigations and defense, antitrust, EMTALA and Stark regulations as well as setting up group practices. He is licensed to practice in both Oregon and Washington. He is a frequent speaker to healthcare providers on issues pertaining to Board discipline, HIPAA privacy and security compliance, insurance audits, and law and ethics relating to medical and mental health providers and risk management.

Course Description

Managing risk is an important aspect of operating a mental health practice in Oregon. Join two attorneys as they share experiences from their combined 55 years of representing mental health professionals. We will discuss the important factors in making informed decisions including legal and ethical considerations as well as the potential risks and benefits to both the patient and the therapist.

During our discussion, therapists will be encouraged to share what works effectively in their practice, as well as what problems they have faced. Bring your questions and we will do our best to find the answers.

Benefit from both the mistakes and best practices of other therapists from around Oregon and join the discussion which will include:

- How to use Artificial Intelligence in your practice
- What to do if ICE shows up at your office.
- New regulations related to treating minors and new disclosure requirements
- Abuse reporting – Oregon is a little different
- Learn the top 10 things that get therapists into trouble
- Ethical decision-making when crossing boundaries, and post-therapy relationships

Learning Objectives

- Understand how to effectively use Artificial Intelligence in their practice
- Demonstrate the ability to make a plan in case ICE or police show up at their practice
- Apply ethical decision-making skills in avoiding common ethical pitfalls facing Oregon therapists
- Demonstrate the ability to effectively plan and document boundary crossings.
- Apply Oregon's new regulations related to treating minors
- Apply mandatory abuse reporting regulations to their practice