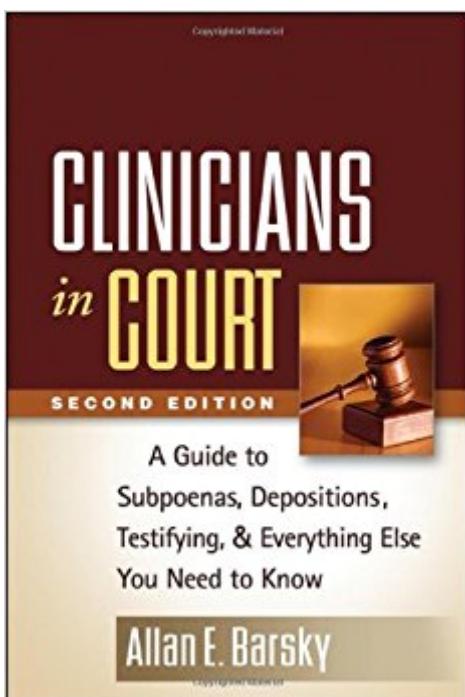


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# Clinicians In Court, Second Edition: A Guide To Subpoenas, Depositions, Testifying, And Everything Else You Need To Know



## **Synopsis**

Interacting with the legal system can be stressful and intimidating for mental health professionals. This trusted book provides user-friendly strategies to help clinicians prepare for testimony in court and other legal proceedings. Using vivid case scenarios, the author explains legal terms and offers practical suggestions for avoiding pitfalls and managing ethical dilemmas. Clear guidelines are presented for record keeping, responding to subpoenas, preparing reports, and performing effectively on the stand as a fact witness or expert witness. Reproducible agreements and other sample documentation can be photocopied from the appendices or downloaded and printed in a convenient 8 1/2" x 11" size. *New to This Edition\** Incorporates updates in research, case law, statutes, and practice.\* Examines the developing role of mental health professionals as forensic consultants.\* Increased attention to ethical issues, such as dual relationships, professional boundaries, confidentiality, and competence.\* An appendix with reflection questions that extend the scope of each chapter.\* Explores special issues that may arise in cases involving children\* Supplemental materials for course use--including an instructor's manual--are available at the author's website.

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case law, statutes, and practice, the second edition addresses several new topics and includes an appendix with reflection questions extending the scope of each chapter. The book takes clinicians through the entire legal process, from first contact and the preparation stage to testimony and follow-up. It covers the nuts and bolts of how to respond to subpoenas, consult and strategize with attorneys, and develop sound record-keeping practices. Guidelines are presented for performing effectively on the stand as a fact witness or expert witness. The second edition gives increased attention to ethical issues, such as dual relationships, professional boundaries, confidentiality, and competence. It also explores special issues that may arise in cases involving children and examines the developing role of mental health professionals as forensic consultants. Reproducible agreements and other sample documentation can be photocopied from the appendices or downloaded and printed in a convenient 8 1/2" x 11" size. Supplemental materials for course use--including an instructor's manual--are available at the author's website. Written in an empathetic, down-to-earth style, this book is an invaluable resource for clinical psychologists, social workers, family therapists and counselors, psychiatrists, and child welfare professionals, as well as forensic psychologists and psychiatrists. It is widely used as a text in graduate-level courses dealing with clinical practice and the law.

Good textbook.

This is an excellent primer for psychologists or social workers who desire to participate within the area of forensic psychology. Stan Brodsky, the Expert Witness Extraordinaire is frequently cited. Very readable work which offers the opportunity for CEU's through CE4less.com.

Updates to this second edition include new case law and ethical standards. The roles of treating and forensic clinicians have been clarified and expanded. The research on forensic psychology and mental health has developed immensely since the first edition. This edition also provides useful online resources for practitioners.

Just what I was looking for for reference.

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Well written

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