• Courtroom realism v. idealism.
• Role distinctions and differing goals of therapists and attorneys.
• MFTs three roles within the legal system (Ruback, 1982).
• Common Law.
• Constitutional Law.
• Administrative Law.

Appellate Courts and their function.
• Civil Law v. Criminal Law. Who is offended? What are the punishments?
• Know more about the Tarasoff Case. What are the reporting rules?
• Reporting of HIV transmission concerns a la Tarasoff?
• Know how courts are to determine reasonableness, per Tarasoff.
• Can MFTs predict violent behavior? How? What are some of the cues one needs to observe in the assessment of violent behaviors?
• How perfect must we be in our assessment of potential violence?
• Feminist informed therapy, what's it all about?
• What are paradoxical interventions? Do they work? Are they safe?
• Do Roman Catholics get a break where child abuse reporting is concerned?
• Duty to protect. Big stuff here. . .
• Mandated Reporters. Be able to name 10 of them by profession.
• How do you report? Time constraints, modalities. Differences between "elder" and "child" on reporting. Child: Immediately/36 hours; Elder: Immediately/2 business days.
• How does "culture" affect child abuse reporting?
• How to work with a boss who wants to report for you.
• MFTs and the DSM-5
• What constitutes abuse? What is the rule on mental/emotional abuse? Neglect?
• What protections are available for Mandated Reporters?
• How to consult with CPS.
• One-Time Automated Report
• How to make a call, report.
• Fines, punishment for failure to report.
• Why do we have a child abuse law, anyway?
• Child abuse is NOT a federal crime. Why not?
• Sexual conduct among children, teens, young adults, adults. What are the ages where one can play? How do the age distinctions break down?
• Some things people do as "sex play" are more serious (by law) than the "real thing." Elaborate.
• What about my priest?
• IPV, what's the safest way to treat it, clinically?
• IPV and the LGBTQ community?
• The relationship between the law and cultural tolerance or acceptance of underage sexual contact.
• More on sex with patient. This'll be on every test. Can't say enough about it.
• How do I report therapist sexual contact when I meet a victimized patient?
• Advertising my practice. Dos and Don'ts. Keeping records. Must I? (before exam)
• What are the basic rules of gaining consent from parents to counsel their minor children? Married parents, divorced parents, unmarried parents, step-parents, etc.
• Two kinds of malpractice liability insurance. Know this stuff; the two kinds discussed in class.
California grounds for divorce in the olden days... Grounds for divorce in the present days...Paternity. What is it all about? How has determination improved over the years?Annulment. What, Why, When, Where?Why can’t one attorney represent both of us in divorce? Why is this a problem?Divorce mediation (Collaborative Divorce). Know something about this. What are the mediation rules that must be followed?
• Consent for treatment of minors. In the Atkins book.
• Subpoenas; don't fumble these.
Family Court Services. What is it? How does it work? Why do we have it?
• Under-aged marriage. What is the legal age? What must I do if I want to marry under that age?
Child Support. How is it tracked? What can they do to me if I weasel out of it?
What are some considerations for interviewing young sexual abuse victims?
• What are the factors used to predict violence?
• What about testimonials? "87% of Dr. Smith's patients feel significant relief from Major Depression symptoms."
• Advertising, business cards.
• Telehealth. What are the rules. What did we learn from looking at several sites?
• Face-to-face v. counseling over the Internet. Effectiveness?
• With Telehealth, what location determines where the counseling is taking place?
• Synchronous v. asynchronous?
• Keeping clinical records? Must we? Why?
• Expert Power (again!)