

Legal and Ethical Issues of Counseling

COU431

Syllabus

1. The First Amendment and Religious Counseling
2. Tort Law: Clergy Negligence, Clergy Malpractice, and the Duty to Protect the Counselee
3. Sexual Misconduct and the Duty to Protect Third Parties
4. State Regulation of Religious Counselors
5. Privileged Communication for Religious Counselors
6. Laws Limiting the Clergy Privilege
7. General Trends and Patterns of Religious Counseling Liability
8. A Legal Audit for Religious Counselors

Required Textbook:

Christian Counseling and the Law, Steve Levicoff. Chicago: Moody Press. 1991

Recommended Books:

Legal Issues and Religious Counseling. Ronald K. Bullis and Cynthia S. Mazur. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press.

These books are available at www.amazon.com. Under the title, you will see lower prices for new and used books. Some of the used books are very inexpensive.

Requirements of the Course:

1. View all videos.
2. Read assignments.
3. Final Exam.