

Part I: DOH Complaints: How Did I Get Here?

Part II: Litigation Survival School:

Are there ways providers can help – or hinder – clients who feel traumatized before, during, and after going to court?

Presented by Frances Schopick, JD, MSW, LICSW, ACSW
and Christy McKinley, JD

September 22, 2023 | 9:00am-4:00pm

6 CEUs Ethics



About the Presenters:

Frances Schopick, JD, MSW, LICSW, and ACSW is a Washington licensed attorney and also a licensed mental health practitioner. She has an extensive background in Social Work and Psychology. Her former Social Work practice included work with adults, children, couples, families, and groups. She worked with targets as well as perpetrators of domestic violence. Prior to becoming an attorney, Fran performed psychiatric research related to Mood, Psychotic, and Personality Disorders.

Currently, Fran’s legal practice focuses on representing healthcare licensees undergoing Department of Health (DOH) investigation. She also consults to healthcare providers for risk management and other legal needs, and provides Law and Ethics continuing education (CEUs). Fran lectures on Narcissism and Anti-social Personality styles, as well as the magnetic dynamic between “high-conflict” people and their partners. She has served on the Faculties of the Icahn School of Medicine in NYC (fka Mount Sinai School of Medicine) and Harvard Medical School in Boston, in their Departments of Psychiatry.

Fran received her education at Barnard College at Columbia University (AB), Hunter College School of Social Work (MSW), both in NYC, and the University of New Hampshire School of Law (JD), in Concord, NH.

Christy McKinley, JD, is a Washington licensed attorney who has litigation experience as a dependency (foster care) attorney, a family lawyer, and an appeals lawyer, along with experience with real estate law, collections, and education law. She is also a mother who has stood before the Court as a litigant in family law proceedings. In all of these experiences, Christy has learned more than most people care to about domestic violence, trauma, and personality disorders. Her experience lends her a unique perspective not only on the procedure and process of law but on the impact that the trauma of litigation has on the litigants. This informs every aspect of her work as she teaches clients to balance litigation advantage, their mental health, and their relationships outside of litigation.

Learning Objectives:

1. Attendees will identify at least three types of dynamics that often lead to DOH complaints.
2. Attendees will be able to identify three practices that can mitigate risk of DOH complaint.
3. Attendees will understand ways to “stay in their lane” when treating clients who are dealing with the court system.

Live event: Held both in person and on Zoom. Register at <https://pccawa.org/registration/>

Fee: \$50 for members, \$150 for non-members

Location: Trinity Presbyterian Church | 1615 6th Ave | Tacoma 98405

Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm. Doors open at 8:30am for coffee and connecting.

Questions: Email pccasecretary1@gmail.com



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