

FORENSIC COMMITTEE GOALS

This Committee promotes the appropriate and beneficial involvement of psychologists interested in becoming involved in legal issues. The Committee meets monthly and is involved in sponsoring continuing education events covering different topics within forensic psychology and forensic neuropsychology. The ethical practice in the areas of forensic psychology and neuropsychology involves an awareness of the Specialty Guidelines for Forensic Psychology and knowledge of the applicable sections of the American Psychological Association's Ethical Guidelines. Witnesses and consultants are often public figures from which attitudes toward mental health evolve and originate. Thus, it is important for experts to properly represent their credentials and establish acceptable foundations for their opinions. An expert who performs his/her job poorly tarnishes the whole field of psychology and restricts the benefit that a proper opinion can provide the trier of fact. For a list of references considered to be standard texts within the area of forensic psychology, view our Forensic References below.