

# CA Law and Ethics for BBS Associates



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**Date:** November 09, 2023

**Time:** 9:00am-12:15pm

**Location:** Virtual- Zoom link will be sent to participants

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**Audience:** Associate Marriage and Family Therapists (AMFTs), Associate Clinical Social Workers (ASWs), and Associate Professional Clinical Counselors (APCCs)

Level of training: Introductory - new topic for audience

**Seat #:** 40

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### **Educational Goals:**

1. Participants will improve their understanding of applicable California law, including recent changes in law.
2. Participants will better understand the nuances of current ethical debates in the field, including debates about the appropriate role of self-disclosure.
3. Ultimately, participants will be able to apply their improved understanding of legal and ethical obligations to their specific practice contexts, improving overall legal and ethical compliance.

### **Learning Objectives:**

1. List at least three (3) recent or planned changes in California law impacting BBS associates in their delivery of mental health services or their supervision relationships
2. Describe at least two (2) legally required disclosures that must be provided by BBS associates to their therapy clients at the beginning of therapy
3. Describe two (2) key purposes of the Supervision Agreement

4. Describe at least three (3) ethical principles that have particular salience for pre-licensed clinicians when providing mental health care
5. Distinguish between appropriate and inappropriate means of ending client relationships when moving to a new place of employment

**Course outline:**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic/Content</b>
9:00am-10:00am	2023 changes in California law impacting associates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Supervision</li> <li>b. Training and education requirements</li> <li>c. Employment</li> <li>d. Abuse reporting</li> <li>e. Temporary licenses</li> </ol>
10:00am-11:00am	Key reminders of areas of law impacting associates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Telehealth</li> <li>b. Required disclosures</li> <li>c. Employment law</li> <li>d. Good Faith Estimates</li> <li>e. Supervision</li> </ol>
11:00am-12:15pm	Key reminders of areas of law impacting associates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Telehealth</li> <li>b. Required disclosures</li> <li>c. Employment law</li> <li>d. Good Faith Estimates</li> <li>e. Supervision</li> </ol>

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**Continuing Education:** Course meets the qualifications for (3) hours of continuing education credit for LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCCs, and/or LEPs as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences. Riverside University Health System-Behavioral Health is approved by the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists to sponsor continuing education for LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCCs and/or LEPs. Riverside University Health System-Behavioral Health maintains responsibility for this program/course and its content.

CAMFT approved continuing education provider number: 1000060

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Provider approved by CCAPP-EI, Provider Number 1N-98-402-1223 & 3-22-341-0424 for (3) CEH'S.

Mailing address: Riverside University Health System-Behavioral Health (RUHS-BH), Workforce Education and Training (WET), 2085 Rustin Ave., Riverside, CA 92507.

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