



American Psychology-Law Society

APA DIVISION 41

**Welcome to the May 2025  
American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS) Newsletter**

Our monthly Newsletter provides information about activities, upcoming events, and resources to connect the psychology-law community.

AP-LS aspires to excel as a valuable, effective, and influential organization advancing the science of psychology-law and the translation of psychology-law knowledge into practice and policy.



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## **Calls for Comment to APA Guidelines**

Members of AP-LS who are also members of APA are encouraged to review and comment on the following revisions to APA guidelines. To provide comment on any of the proposed policies, navigate to <https://commentinggov.apa.org/> and click the “APA Member Login” button at the bottom of the webpage.

- **Professional Practice Guidelines for Psychologists in the Assessment of Psychological Trauma in Adults** (Deadline June 6)
- **Guidelines for Psychology’s Role in Pediatric to Adult Health Care Transition** (Deadline June 6)

- **APA Guidelines for Psychologists' Involvement in Pharmacological Issues** (Deadline June 9)
  - **Professional Practice Guidelines: Diagnosis of Intellectual Disability in Forensic Settings** (Deadline June 10)
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## **Webinars: Learning from Lived Experience**

### **May 13, 2025 (10:00am - 2:00pm EST)**

***Click here for: [Registration](#)***

These webinars are part of the Presidential Initiative from Past-President Daniel Murrie.

Overview:

The mission of AP-LS is “to enhance well-being, justice, and human rights through the application of psychological science and practice in legal contexts.” Our members often bring substantial clinical and scholarly expertise to this important mission. But another critical source of expertise in enhancing well-being, justice, and human rights is the expertise of persons with lived experience.

How might we better learn from those with lived experience? How might we collaborate on scholarship, policy, or clinical services in ways that honor their rights, dignity, and genuine expertise? To begin considering these questions, two webinars will share examples of fruitful collaborations that rely on experts with lived experience. The first is clinical, reflecting programmatic research, training, and clinical efforts to prevent suicide. The second involves research that led to policy change for particular victims of sexual violence.

More information about each of these webinars is available [HERE](#).

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## **American Academy of Forensic Psychology**

### **Merit-Based Scholarships for the 4th Annual AAFP Conference**

The American Academy of Forensic Psychology (AAFP) is pleased to announce two merit-based scholarships to support attendance at the 4th Annual AAFP Conference, taking place in Washington, D.C., from August 27-29, 2025.

#### **Scholarship Eligibility**

Scholarships will be awarded to:

- **One postdoctoral trainee**, including current postdoctoral fellows or individuals who have committed to a postdoctoral program (documentation required). There are no restrictions regarding APPIC-based or ABPP-approved postdoctoral programs, provided all application requirements are met.
- **One student intern** currently enrolled in an APPIC internship program.

These scholarships are designed to recognize and encourage outstanding emerging professionals who demonstrate a strong commitment to the field of forensic psychology.

#### **Scholarship Benefits**

Each recipient will receive:

- A waiver of the conference registration fee
- A \$1,500 travel stipend to support conference attendance
- Formal recognition by the AAFP President during the conference's opening ceremony

### Application Requirements

Applicants must submit:

- A current Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- A cover letter describing their interest in forensic psychology and how attending the AAFP Conference will contribute to their professional development
- A letter of recommendation from a faculty member or current clinical supervisor
- All application materials must be submitted to [forensicacademy@gmail.com](mailto:forensicacademy@gmail.com) no later than 5/31/25.

These scholarships give aspiring forensic psychologists the chance to connect with experienced professionals, build their professional contacts, and strengthen their skills in forensic work and research. We are excited to help support those who will become future leaders in forensic psychology.

The AAFP invites all qualified trainees and interns to apply for this prestigious award. We encourage applications from individuals with different backgrounds, experiences, and viewpoints, as this can help create a richer conference experience for everyone.

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## **\*CORRECTION\* Grant in Aid for Early Career Professionals is now due May 15, not the Practitioner Grant**

We made a mistake! In the April 1 newsletter, we accidentally said the Practitioner Grant deadline was moving to May 15. We meant to say the Grant in Aid (i.e., the *researcher* grant) is moving to May 15. The Practitioner Grant (i.e., *clinician* grant) will remain due in October of each year.

The purpose of this award is to support AP-LS members who are ECPs in conducting research related to psychology and law. It is the committee's desire that these awards are not limited only to members who are psychologists, but instead open to AP-LS members from all backgrounds. Applications are open to all AP-LS members who are within ten years of receiving their last degree. For further information regarding eligibility criteria, proposal guidelines and templates, please visit: <https://ap-ls.org/awards/grants/ecgrantinaid>.

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## **Research Briefs**

Take a look at the latest research briefs for short summaries of the latest articles relevant to psychology-law.

Read the research briefs [HERE](#).

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**National Academy of Neuropsychology Online Course:  
Fundamentals of Forensic Neuropsychology  
20 CE Credits (course begins May 5, 2025 ends July 14, 2025)**

This 10-week course is designed to introduce neuropsychologists to forensic evaluation in both criminal and civil litigation. Participants will be familiarized with the United States legal system structure, and relevant case law and legal and practice considerations for forensic neuropsychological (FNP) engagement. Coursework will focus on key terms and processes in FNP evaluation, with emphasis on the differences between forensic and traditional clinical neuropsychology practice. Participants will learn essential elements of select criminal and civil forensic neuropsychological evaluations, and an overview of important components of forensic neuropsychological report writing and testimony. The aim of this course is for the neuropsychologist to understand their potential to uniquely contribute to the legal system and to be aware of the requisite foundational knowledge for moving forward in this specialty niche. Another objective is for the participant to gain not only empirical knowledge, but also to be able to apply this knowledge in real-world scenarios. Ethical as well as equity, diversity, and inclusivity considerations will be discussed throughout the course.

[LEARN MORE.](#)

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## Call for Book Proposals

The American Psychology-Law Society invites proposals for new titles in its book series, which is now published by [APA Books](#). We publish authored and edited volumes on current issues at the intersection of psychology and law. Books are typically a state of the science synthesis of a body of existing research with implications for practice and/or policy. Authors and editors should have a substantial and recent track record of publication and/or practice in psychology or law, and at least one should hold a doctorate in psychology or closely related behavioral science. If you have a proposal for a new book in the series or you would simply like more information, reach out to a member of the editorial team. We would be happy to tell you more.

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