

Courtroom Skills For Social Workers Transforming Social Work Practice Series

Social work degree students must be confident in working with groups of service users as well as other professionals. This revised new edition introduces the practicalities of planning, establishing, facilitating and evaluating social work projects including small helping groups as well as interprofessional working parties. The authors examine the best methods in setting up a group, the issues around power and anti-oppressive practice, and how to cope with unexpected or unhelpful outcomes. This second edition features new material on sociodrama and psychodrama action methods, with more examples from actual groupwork projects.

This book throws light on legal and courtroom processes and procedures, encouraging readers to see involvement with the courts as a positive element of their practice, rather than something to be afraid of. By encouraging social workers to develop the skills to perform confidently in the court environment, they will be better able to support service users faced with court involvement. This guide is presented within an integrated framework of law and social work and gives a unique opportunity to demystify courtroom and legal procedures and to identify the skills required of social workers involved in court work.

Courtroom Skills for Social Workers Learning Matters

Many social workers face daily pressure to make sound decisions in very difficult circumstances, occasionally having to manage impossible expectations. Politicians and the media may spotlight care decisions where a tragedy or complaint occurs. In this complex arena of conflicting demands and considerations – from the public, the client, the family, the organisation – the professional needs a robust and yet flexible framework to inform practice decisions. This book is written to help social work practitioners and students make professional decisions with clients; from exercising statutory powers and duties to protect children from abuse, to making decisions about risk.

From Madness to Mutiny

Professional Decision Making and Risk in Social Work

Courtroom Skills for Social Workers

My Days and Nights with Children at Risk

A Social Worker's Guide to Presenting Evidence in Care Proceedings

Practical Child Law for Social Workers

This practical guide will help students navigate through all core areas of their course by providing them with a comprehensive introduction to contemporary social work. Written by subject experts, including best-selling Transforming Social Work Practice authors, this essential guide will introduce students to key theory and approaches, helping them to develop and build the skills and knowledge that they will need for practice.

This collection of original essays from leaders in the profession comments on the current state of social work in the United States, and how it ought to change, in light of social change in the US and the world as a whole.

Many students and qualified workers in all areas of social work feel apprehension at the prospect of writing a formal report for a court or tribunal. Writing may be a fundamental skill, but it is one that students and practitioners cannot afford to take for granted. Recent reviews (Baby P, Serious Case Review processes) highlighted the need for clear reports, recording and written communication between professionals. This practical and accessible textbook presents the report writing process in a clear and straightforward way. From methods of collecting and presenting evidence, to drawing conclusions and writing up a final report.

Examines the professional specialty of forensic social work, including the role of the field in a litigious society, testifying in the court room and as an expert witness, malpractice, ethics, preparing for litigation, judgment by colleagues, and case recording and written contracts. Includes a glossary, case examples, and information on legal and ethical issues, as well as information on credentials, marketing, and contacts. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

Introducing Social Work

Courtroom and Report Skills for Social Workers

Working with the Courts in Child Protection

See You in Court

The Supreme Court's History of Comforting the Comfortable and Afflicting the Afflicted

The Unfinished Fight for Social Justice in America

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The Model Rules of Professional Conduct provides an up-to-date resource for information on legal ethics. Federal, state and local courts in all jurisdictions look to the Rules for guidance in solving lawyer malpractice cases, disciplinary actions, disqualification issues, sanctions questions and much more. In this volume, black-letter Rules of Professional Conduct are followed by numbered Comments that explain each Rule's purpose and provide suggestions for its practical application. The Rules will help you identify proper conduct in a variety of given situations, review those instances where discretionary action is possible, and define the nature of the relationship between you and your clients, colleagues and the courts.

Are you a social work student looking to understand how the law, ethics and social policy interrelate in practice? Then look no further! Whether you a student or Newly Qualified Social Worker working with children and families or adults at risk of harm, this practical guide will equip you with the knowledge and skills you need to fulfil your professional responsibilities and practice with confidence. This book covers all the areas of law you need to know: social work with children and families, vulnerable adults and social issues such as welfare and homelessness. Each section concludes with a discussion of how social policy and ethics relate to each area of social work law. This gives real-world context to what you have learnt, alongside thought boxes, exercises and case studies in each chapter to further encourage reflection and put theory into practice.

Judicial authority is constituted by everyday practices of individual judicial officers, balancing the obligations of formal law and procedure with the distinctive interactional demands of lower courts. *Performing Judicial Authority in the Lower Courts* draws on extensive original, independent empirical data to identify different ways judicial officers approach and experience their work. It theorizes the meanings of these variations for the legitimate performance of judicial authority. The central theoretical and empirical finding presented in this book is the incomplete fit between conventional norms of judicial performance, emphasizing detachment and impersonality, and the practical, day-to-day judicial work in high volume, time-pressured lower courts. Understanding the judicial officer as the crucial link between formal abstract law, the legal institution of the court and the practical tasks of the courtroom, generates a more complete theory of judicial legitimacy which includes the manner in which judicial officers present themselves and communicate their decisions in court.

Social Work Methods and Skills
Legal Aspects of Professional Practice
Jeopardy in the Courtroom

The Mental Health Tribunal
Tug of War

Learn reliable techniques to prepare and present effective testimony! "Soon after leaving graduate school I was thrown to the courtroom wolves with no preparation. No social worker should have to go through that," says Janet Vogelsang, author of *The Witness Stand*. Few colleges of social work prepare their students for the inevitable involvement with the courts entailed by their profession. This timely book provides you with a blueprint for presenting yourself as a competent and credible professional in court cases. This indispensable guide tells exactly what happens in court, how to counter common strategies for discrediting your profession, and what to do when your client's attorney is obnoxious. *The Witness Stand* emphasizes the biopsychosocial assessment as the essential tool for a social worker called on to testify in court. Its helpful features include sample forms and affidavits and actual court testimony. The end-of-chapter summaries can be used for rapid review and as a "to do" checklist for preparing a court case. *The Witness Stand* offers practical, detailed advice on such matters as: how the legal system works how to handle contacts with attorneys and investigators what to do with documents and files how to prepare your testimony how to handle direct testimony and cross-examination how to define your social work expertise on the stand what to wear when you go to court *The Witness Stand* can help you deal with the anxiety-provoking complexities of the legal system. Instead of being confused or intimidated by legal arcana, you will be well-prepared, well-organized, and ready to present yourself as the confident, reliable professional you are.

2014 saw considerable changes to the family justice system, with the implementation of a number of radical reforms, including the landmark Children and Families Act 2014. These reforms are primarily intended to reduce delay for children, and to ensure that court proceedings are consistent, flexible and meet children's needs for permanence and security as quickly as possible. How can practitioners and the courts work together under these new rules to ensure the best outcomes for children? What has changed in family law, and what has remained the same?

A social worker in New York City recounts his most difficult cases

A powerful expose of the family court system's prejudice against mothers trying to protect their sexually abused children.

Using the Law in Social Work

Professional Decision Making in Social Work

Courtroom and Report Writing Skills for Social Workers

Social Work in the 21st Century

Newly Qualified Social Workers: A Handbook for Practice

Power Concedes Nothing

Now fully revised and updated, *See You in Court* is an accessible guide for social workers on being a witness in care proceedings. This book demystifies the court system explaining court structures and procedures, roles and responsibilities and basic rules of evidence. It considers how to present effective written evidence as well as preparing for the court day itself. It answers questions frequently asked by social workers on how to present oral evidence including how to deal with cross-examination. The material is supported by case studies and checklists. Updates to the second edition reflect recent changes to the family court system, a revised Public Law Outline and the increased recognition of social workers as experts in their own right. An essential addition to every social worker's bookshelf, particularly those working with children and families.

This book addresses this relationship between the professions of social work and law and helps social workers develop the knowledge necessary to practice in a legal environment. The author focuses on how the law affects the day-to-day practice of social work; the creation, administration, and operation of social service agencies; and the ways in which social workers and attorneys collaborate to serve the public.

This fully revised and updated second edition looks at the study of social work management and organisations, focusing on relationships with crucial partners such as central government agencies, local partners and other social care organisations. Through an examination of current research and practice, the author explores the relationships between ideology, professional and personal values and decision making in organisational culture. Included in the text are case studies, activities and further reading lists to aid learning.

The first year of practice can be the most challenging for newly qualified social workers. This book takes a practical look at the transition from student to practitioner and covers applying for a first post and managing the first years of practice, including specific guidance on topics such as induction, supervision and Post-Qualifying awards. Also covered are court skills, team working, report writing and record keeping. Each of these sections within the book contains critical commentary from both an employer's and newly qualified social worker's perspective, bringing alive the importance of these issues.

Social Work Practice and the Law

A Practice Guide to the Assessed and Supported Year in Employment

A Scientific Analysis of Children's Testimony

Forensic Social Work

Management and Organisations in Social Work

The Witness Stand

The English legal system in the area of social work with children and families can be bewildering and complex and it is vital therefore that any textbook on the subject uses case law, case studies and research to critically-engage social workers and students alike. This book does just that - by examining, and putting into clear practical context, the current law and policy relating to social work with children and families. A guide for both students on placement as well as Newly Qualified Social Workers (NQSWs) entering their first roles within children and families teams, *Practical Child Law for Social Workers* is essential reading for a fast-paced and complex area of social work.

This new text will build on *Courtroom Skills for Social Workers*, by updating the legal and research content and strengthening the material on recording. There will also be additional contributions from service users and more practice examples, so as to make the book interesting and relevant for qualified social workers. It will assist social workers in meeting their CPD requirements for continuing registration and also offer a framework for short in-service training courses on court skills and recording, both areas in

which social workers' performance comes under the scrutiny of other professionals.

An essential book to help social work students gain this foothold in understanding law as it applies to social work practice.

The credibility of children's testimony is a highly debated topic in America's courtrooms, universities, and living rooms. Does the ingenuousness of children assure that their testimony will always be truthful? Or are children easily misled by overzealous investigators and therapists into making untrue allegations? Stephen J. Ceci and Maggie Bruck contend that the truth falls somewhere between these extremes. Using case studies ranging from the Salem Witch Hunt to the Little Rascals Day Care case to illustrate their argument, *Jeopardy in the Courtroom* draws from the vast corpus of scientific research to clarify what is most relevant for evaluating and understanding children's statements made in the legal arena.

Social Workers as Expert Witnesses

Why Mothers are Running from the Family Courts--and what Can be Done about it

Turning Stones

Law for Social Workers

Key Changes to Family Justice

Writing Skills for Social Workers

Now with a new epilogue-- an unprecedented and unwavering history of the Supreme Court showing how its decisions have consistently favored the moneyed and powerful. Few American institutions have inflicted greater suffering on ordinary people than the Supreme Court of the United States. Since its inception, the justices of the Supreme Court have shaped a nation where children toiled in coal mines, where Americans could be forced into camps because of their race, and where a woman could be sterilized against her will by state law. The Court was the midwife of Jim Crow, the right hand of union busters, and the dead hand of the Confederacy. Nor is the modern Court a vast improvement, with its incursions on voting rights and its willingness to place elections for sale. In this powerful indictment of a venerated institution, Ian Millhiser tells the history of the Supreme Court through the eyes of the everyday people who have suffered the most from it. America ratified three constitutional amendments to provide equal rights to freed slaves, but the justices spent thirty years largely dismantling these amendments. Then they spent the next forty years rewriting them into a shield for the wealthy and the powerful. In the Warren era and the few years following it, progressive justices restored the Constitution's promises of equality, free speech, and fair justice for the accused. But, Millhiser contends, that was an historic accident. Indeed, if it weren't for several unpredictable events, Brown v. Board of Education could have gone the other way. In Injustices, Millhiser argues that the Supreme Court has seized power for itself that rightfully belongs to the people's elected representatives, and has bent the arc of American history away from justice.

Explaining complex family law concepts and procedures in a jargon-free style, this resource includes detailed information on how family court works, offers easily understandable case examples, and describes alternatives to litigation that are designed to help prevent families with children from entering the legal system to resolve disputes. Exploring subjects that apply to all parties involved in resolving separation, divorce, and custody conflicts--judges, lawyers, mediators, parenting coaches, psychologists, family counselors, and social workers--this reference demystifies the role of lawyers and judges, debunks the myth that parents can represent themselves in court, and examines each parent's responsibility to ensure that post-separation conflicts are resolved with minimal emotional stress to children.

Interacting with the legal system can be stressful and intimidating for mental health professionals. This trusted book provides user-friendly strategies to help clinicians prepare for testimony in court and other legal proceedings. Using vivid case scenarios, the author explains legal terms and offers practical suggestions for avoiding pitfalls and managing ethical dilemmas. Clear guidelines are presented for record keeping, responding to subpoenas, preparing reports, and performing effectively on the stand as a fact witness or expert witness. Reproducible agreements and other sample documentation can be photocopied from the appendices or downloaded and printed in a convenient 8 1/2" x 11" size. New to This Edition * Incorporates updates in research, case law, statutes, and practice. * Examines the developing role of mental health professionals as forensic consultants. * Increased attention to ethical issues, such as dual relationships, professional boundaries, confidentiality, and competence. * An appendix with reflection questions that extend the scope of each chapter. * Explores special issues that may arise in cases involving children * Supplemental materials for course use--including an instructor's manual--are available at the author's website.

This accessible and practical guide de-mystifies the Mental Health Tribunal for health and social care professionals.

Written by a mental health lawyer and a MHT Panel member, it offers essential explanations of all stages of the MHT proceedings, from initial application to the final decision. The book also provides answers to frequently asked questions and provides top tips to help guide through the whole process.

Performing Judicial Authority in the Lower Courts

The Role of Law in Social Work Practice and Administration

Groupwork Practice in Social Work

Report Writing for Social Workers

Social Work Assessment

A Judge's Verdict on Separation, Custody Battles, and the Bitter Realities of Family Court

This brilliantly systematic and comprehensive textbook provides an integrated approach to social work theory, methods and skills as the bedrock of all social work practice. Recognizing social work as a diverse activity that is rooted in common foundations, it explains how practice both shapes and is shaped by professional purpose. The text also explores the diverse range of social work practice methods available and aims to equip the reader with a foundation in the history and application of these varied approaches. Offering a step-by-step discussion that will empower readers to critically develop and refine their professional toolkit for purposeful and innovative intervention, this original rationale is an essential resource for any social work student or practitioner looking to build, or consolidate, their understanding of the range of methods and skills available for effective professional practice.

The first year of practice can be a particularly daunting and challenging time for newly-qualified social workers (NQSWs). This fully revised and updated book directly addresses the crucial transition period between finishing off the social work degree and managing the first years of practice. It offers down to earth, practical guidance on applying for your first post and managing your work load in the first few years. From useful sections on the Assessed and Supported Year in Employment (ASYE), supervision, dealing with conflict, court skills, report writing, and team work to what professionalism actually looks like in practice, this book will throw a life belt to not only NQSWs entering the workplace but for students on qualifying programmes who wish to develop their skills beyond graduation.

This book is written to help social work practitioners and students on CPD courses make professional decisions with

clients; from exercising statutory powers and duties to protect children from abuse, to making decisions about risk. This revised second edition has more of a focus on risk within social work practice as many social workers face daily pressure to make sound decisions in very difficult circumstances. In this complex arena of conflicting demands and considerations - from the public, the client, the family, the organisation - the professional needs a robust and yet flexible framework to inform practice decisions. Featuring illustrations from practice as well as case studies and practical activities to aid learning, this book provides a holistic view of decision making and risk as a core aspect of effective social work practice. Social work students are required to communicate in writing across a variety of practice methods and contexts and this book has been designed to help them develop the skills to do this with confidence during their qualifying degree and throughout their professional career. The book covers a wide range of writing skills, including writing up case-notes, report writing, writing proposals, completing a literature review, writing journal articles and successful funding applications. New content includes: new material on confidentiality and the use of encryption reference to recent changes to regulation and new material on the pressures of staying up-to-date with new technology extended coverage of collaborative writing and group working skills up-to-date references, further reading and links to professional standards and CPD.

Model Rules of Professional Conduct

An Essential Guide

Reflective Practice in Social Work

Social Work Law, Ethics & Social Policy

See You in Court, Second Edition

Newly-Qualified Social Workers

This new edition gives a clear and up-to-date picture of how the Children Act 1989 is working. All chapters have been updated with the latest case law, legislation and guidance.

An influential civil rights attorney and second cousin to former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice describes the family beliefs and achievements that inspired her career, recounting her dedication to civil rights causes in areas ranging from transportation and education to the death penalty and the LAPD.

At a time of change and review within social care, it is relevant to explore traditional skills, knowledge and values associated with assessment in the context of changing practice. This book introduces and explores assessment in social work in a user-friendly, yet comprehensive way. The author reviews the interpersonal skills necessary for social work practice, applying them particularly to assessment and outlines fundamental knowledge and theoretical models that can inform assessment. The professional social work value base underpinning assessment and the power balance between assessor and the person being assessed are also taken into consideration.

'This engaging and perceptive book fills a significant gap in the market. Whilst there are sound textbooks on the content and application of the law to social work practice, courtroom skills have received more complacent attention and Davis now challenges this robustly. In content the book deals comprehensively and informatively with the role of the social worker in the presentation of evidence and professional self in care proceedings. The strengths of the work are reinforced by the clarity of the author's style and structure, and the authenticity of the illustrative examples. These experiences of the author convey the reader direct to the courtroom and help make the book as readable as a good novel. Reflective questions are provided to help the reader to engage with the most important issues. Throughout her book Davis shows a clear concept of the professional role of the social worker and is empowering of good practice. Furthermore she never wavers from the centrality of the welfare of the child and her book shows sensitivity and commitment as well as informed practicality. This is an excellent and accessible book which gives an informed and practical introduction to courtroom skills to student social workers, but would also be valuable, and attractive in its vibrancy, to refresh the courtroom and evidence-gathering skills of more experienced social workers, including those in practice with clients other than children. I will be recommending this book to law students at level two but will also be recommending this work for the Social Care Library of the Local Authority for use by qualified staff and for training.' - Social Policy and Social Work Subject Centre (SWAP) 'Although written from the perspective of children and families social workers and covering mainly English legal proceedings, Davis's book should prove useful to all British social workers as a general guide to giving evidence in court... This book should be essential reading for social workers. It will undoubtedly help them to overcome their initial fears about going to court, providing practical tips to help improve giving evidence and coping with cross-examination.' - Involve Magazine Are you looking forward to giving evidence? What do you have concerns about? Do you know how to prepare written evidence that will be taken seriously in court? See You in Court is an accessible guide for social workers on being a witness in care proceedings. With little training and few resources available, social workers can find preparing for court a daunting part of their role. This book answers questions frequently asked by social workers in real cases, and gives information on court structures, basic rules of evidence, the roles of those involved in the proceedings, and court etiquette. It also discusses the process of giving evidence, including how to deal with cross-examination. The material is supported by case studies and checklists. This practical book is essential reading for social workers, particularly those working with children and families.

A Guide for Clinical Social Workers in the Courtroom

A Guide to Subpoenas, Depositions, Testifying, and Everything Else You Need to Know

Injustices

Working in Statutory Contexts

Clinicians in Court, Second Edition

The Essential Foundations of Practice

"Social workers are frequently called to testify as experts in courts of law on a variety of subjects. Courts rely on information offered in evidence as the basis for decisions rendered, and oral testimony by witnesses is often the major source of evidence provided at a trial. Witnesses who testify as experts play a critical role in interpreting data, explaining complex material, and drawing informed inferences on the basis of their training and experience. Answering specific legal issues in particular jurisdictions often requires review of layers of applicable local, state, or federal laws that apply to a case. Although this law note is not intended to be a substitute for legal consultation regarding specific issues that affect social workers' expert testimony in a particular case, many examples are discussed, and social workers who do testify, or may be called to

testify, as experts will want to have this volume ready to hand." -- Publisher website.
`This is an excellent book and should be compulsory reading for social work students. It is clearly written, sensitively related to social work practice, with some first-rate examples; above all, it really "speaks" to the realities of contemporary statutory professional practice in the twenty-first century. Andrew Hill has written a thorough but readable text for students which they will find useful at any stage in their qualification degree.---David Shemmings, University of Kent --

Reflective practice is a key element of learning and development on social work courses. This fully-updated new edition explores a range of approaches to reflective practice and includes sections on gender, reflecting on emotion and using reflection as a catalyst for change, as well as asking the fundamental question 'what is reflective practice?' Written in three parts, this essential guide starts with a broad exploration of reflection, drawing on some key texts that have informed its development. It then moves on to real practice issues including the management of social work practice and interprofessional working.