



## Jurisprudence Section – 2004

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### **E1 Can Psychology, Psychiatry, Medication and Jurisprudence Truly Accommodate Each Other?**

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After attending this presentation, attendees will learn to determine on a case-by-case basis whether mental health professionals view therapeutic medication in the criminal setting differently than legal professionals.

Case-by-case review to allow both the lawyers and the psychologists make a determination as to whether or not (a) therapeutic reasons or (b) legal reasons and/or (c) a combination of both, would mandate the forceable medication against the will of a criminal defendant in order to be involved in a courtroom proceeding. The panel will discuss specific cases and request audience participation in the review and analysis of individual fact patterns. The panel will also explore the relationship between medicating an inmate in order that the inmate does not propose a danger to himself/herself and whether or not there could be a bright line between therapeutic medication and the medication of a criminal defendant in order to render the criminal defendant competent to stand trial.

#### **Criminal Defendant, Therapeutic Medication, Competency to Stand Trial**