This is the first module in a two-part series that explores the legal and ethical parameters of the California standard of care, issues related to confidentiality and privilege, and important legal concepts including scope of practice, scope of competence, therapeutic duty, and mental health case law for licensed clinical social workers (LCSWs) and marriage and family therapists (MFTs). In the second module, the instructor discusses clinical issues related to informed consent, the therapeutic relationship, and managing crisis situations. Topics discussed in these two modules include appropriate assessment, diagnosis, and treatment considerations to create clinical safety. Relevant examples from malpractice suits and California Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) administrative cases are used to exemplify appropriate and reasonable clinical behavior. It is recommended that readers complete both modules.