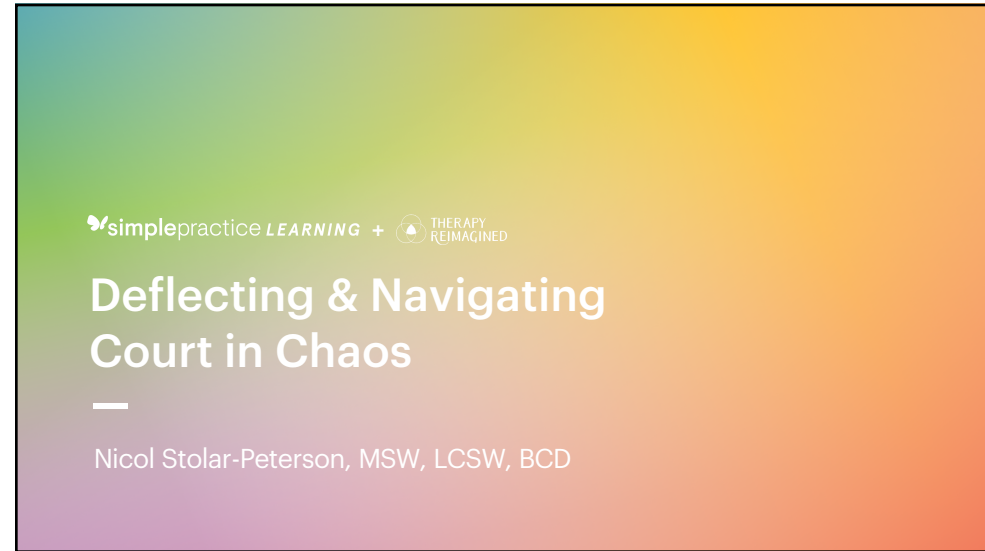
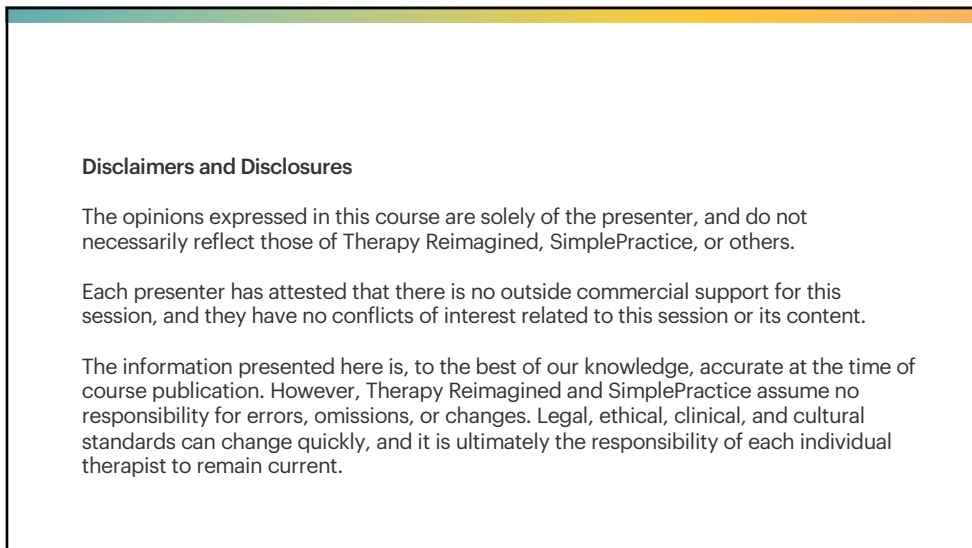




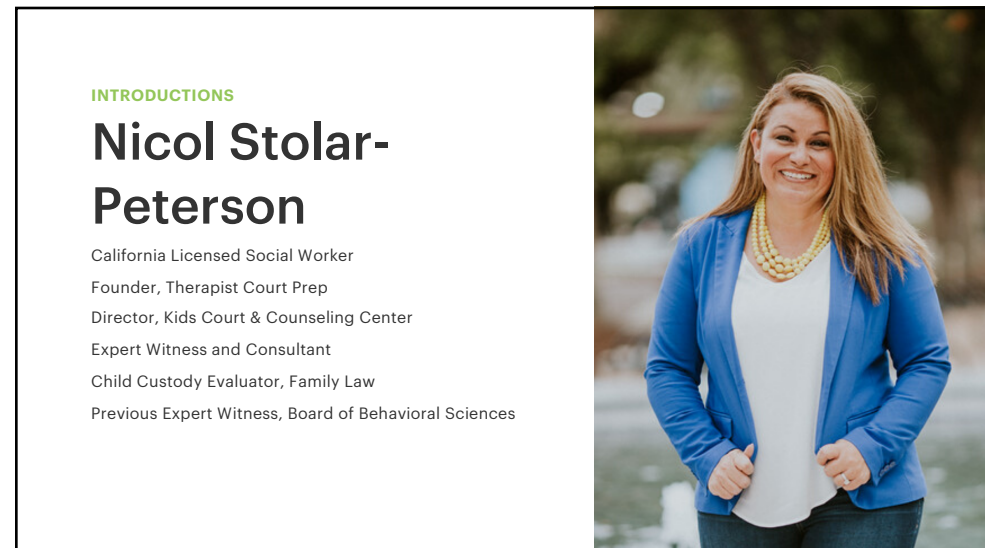
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2015 ~ and still true



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Discomfort and grounding

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Court 101

Types of Court Related Questions

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Privilege, releasing records & dealing with attorneys



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Court Policy is a must! (during informed consent)

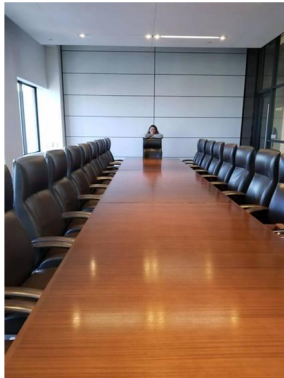
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Court policy is a must

- **Yeah or Nay Court** (yes you can pick, no that does not mean you can skip court)
- **Letters** (worried, there's a sample at www.therapistcourtprep.com)
- **Limitations** (recommendations)
- **Fees** (responsible party)
- **Subpoena Scheduling** (yes, it's possible)
- **Consent** (Adults, minors, couples, family, custody issues)
- **Records vs Treatment summary**

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More about fees \$\$



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After all the deflection... Just in case

Court Prep 101

- Roles & Scope
- Listening, Waiting, and Responding

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Let's practice

You have been treating a couple for two years. The wife has decided that she would like a divorce and has now requested "the records" for her attorney to "look over."

- Considerations
- Steps
- Limitations
- Privilege

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Let's practice

You have been treating a female (DX PTSD) who has reported that her husband was arrested for beating her up over several years, the last incident being the most severe. She is now a single mother and has been told to get full custody of her child. Her attorney recommended that she get a letter from you, her therapist, letting the court know that she is the better and safer parent for the minor and that she should have full custody.

- Considerations
- Steps
- Limitations
- Privilege

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Let's practice

Your client's attorney leaves you a message requesting a call back and records for your client. What do you do?

- Considerations
- Steps
- Limitations
- Privilege

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Let's practice

You receive a subpoena for a client who terminated a year ago. What do you do?

- Considerations
- Steps
- Limitations
- Privilege

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Let's practice

You are subpoenaed to court, your client has signed a consent to release information, and they even signed your court policy (at the time of informed consent) that stated that you do not get involved in court matters... what next?

- Considerations
- Steps
- Limitations
- Privilege

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Case file and court prep

- Binders
- Using a Timeline _____
- Court Attire

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Feeling Better? Still Unsure?

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You've got this! Preparation is EVERYTHING!

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