

## **CONFLICTS BETWEEN CODES OF ETHICS AND LAWS**

Conflicts between ethics and law, regulations, or other governing legal authority

- If counselor's ethical responsibilities conflict with law, regulations, or other governing legal authority, psychologists make known their commitment to the Ethics Code and take steps to resolve the conflict.
- If the conflict is unresolvable via such means, counselor may adhere to the requirements of the law, regulations, or other governing legal authority.

### **Conflicts between Ethics and Organizational Demands**

If the demands of an organization with which counselors are affiliated or for whom they are working, conflict with this Ethics Code, counselors clarify the nature of the conflict, make known their commitment to the Ethics Code and, to the extent feasible, resolve the conflict in a way that permits adherence to the Ethics Code.

### **ASSIGNMENT (Self-reflection and/or Group Discussion)**

Think of a situation from your past or conceptualize one that's an example of an organization asking a counselor to do something unethical. (You can also web search these key words: conflicts between counselors and organizations case example)

If you were the counselor in the situation, how would you approach your supervisor?

What if it was your supervisor that was asking you to do something unethical?

What would you do if the situation was unable to be resolved?