

## **Sex Offenders and the Law: Perilous Predictions of Paraphiliacs**

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Track: Sex Offender  
CE: CPA/BBS/BRN (1.5)  
POST TBD, MCLE TBD

### Narrative

This presentation provides an overview and development of laws related to sex offenders. The presenter will review key terms, epidemiology, emerging issues in child pornography possession, implications of indeterminate vs. determinate sentencing, U.S. Supreme Court cases addressing involuntary commitment of sex offenders, mandatory community notification and registration laws, practical issues in the assessment of sex offenders, biological treatments of sex offenders, and risk factors related to reoffending.

### BIO

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Charles is Chief, Division of Psychiatry and the Law, Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Training Director, and Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at the University of California, Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, California. He is Board Certified in Forensic Psychiatry, General Psychiatry, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and Addiction Psychiatry. Charles is a Past-President of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL) and is also Past-President of the Association of Directors of Forensic Psychiatry Fellowships. He has served as a member of the AAPL national task force to develop guidelines for the evaluation of criminal responsibility and competency to stand trial. Charles is one of four national AAPL Forensic Psychiatry Review Course Faculty instructors and in 2008 received the AAPL award as the most outstanding forensic psychiatry fellowship program instructor in the United States. He has served as a forensic psychiatric consultant to jails, prisons, maximum security forensic inpatient units, California Department of State Hospitals, and as a consultant to the National Football League (NFL) providing training on violence risk assessment for NFL counselors. He has performed suitability evaluations for NASA's Astronaut Selection Board. His academic subspecialty is child and adolescent forensic psychiatry. Charles has authored book chapters on juvenile violence, mental health law, and co-authored chapters on child psychiatry and the assessment of dangerousness. He has served as editor or co-editor for numerous books. He is also co-editor of the Third Edition of Principles and Practice of Forensic Psychiatry, which was awarded the 2018 Manfred Guttmacher Award by the American Psychiatric Association for best forensic publication of the year.

His research interests include the relationship of substance use to aggression among criminal defendants, on the quality of forensic evaluations of criminal responsibility, child witness

testimony, malingering, and assessment of posttraumatic stress disorder. He lectures nationally on the topics of malingering, violence risk assessment, juvenile violence, substance use and violence, the assessment of sex offenders, correctional psychiatry, DSM-5 and the law, and malpractice issues in mental health.

### Learning Objectives

1. Explain how the impact of US Supreme Court cases on sexually violent predators into practical implications for managing sex offenders.
2. Describe legal issues related to mandatory community notification and sex offender registration.
3. Describe current research in identifying risk factors for sex offender recidivism.