



Private Practice and social media policy

Please read this document to understand how I conduct myself on the Internet as a mental health clinician and how you can expect me to respond to various interactions that may occur between us on the Internet. If you have any questions about anything within this document, I encourage you to bring them up during session. I do not solicit testimonials from clients as it is unethical for me to do so.

Section H.6.b. of The American Counseling Association 2014 Code of Ethics states: Social Media as Part of Informed Consent Counselors clearly explain to their clients, as part of the informed consent procedure, the benefits, limitations, and boundaries of the use of social media. H.6.c. Client Virtual Presence Counselors respect the privacy of their clients' presence on social media unless given consent to view such information. H.6.d. Use of Public Social Media Counselors take precautions to avoid disclosing confidential information through public social media.

Friending

I do not accept friend requests from former or current therapy clients. Your confidentiality is important to me and maintaining healthy boundaries is extremely important to the therapeutic process.

You are welcome to view my Facebook Page and read or share articles posted there, but I do not accept clients as Fans of this Page. I believe having clients as Facebook Fans creates a greater likelihood of compromised client confidentiality

Twitter

I post psychology news and positive affirmations on Twitter, if you use an easily recognizable Twitter handle on Twitter and I see that you've followed me, we may briefly discuss it and its potential impact on our working relationship.

Please do not use SMS (mobile phone text messaging) or messaging on Social Networking sites such as Twitter, Facebook, or LinkedIn to contact me. These sites are not secure. Do not use Wall postings, @replies, or other means of engaging with me online. Engaging with me this way could compromise your confidentiality. It may also create the possibility that these exchanges become a part of your legal medical record, it will be documented and store in your file.

If you do choose to write something on a business review site, I hope you will keep in mind that you may be sharing personally revealing information in a public forum. I urge you to create a pseudonym that is not linked to your regular email address or friend networks for your own privacy and protection.

I have read and agree to comply to the Akoma Counseling Concepts, LLC Social media policy

Name and Date