

Do You Have an Ethics Question? Consult the Maine Counseling Association Ethics Committee

Do you have an ethics question? Are you struggling with an ethical dilemma? The Maine Counseling Association Ethics Committee can help.

What is the Ethics Committee?

The purpose of the Ethics Committee is to provide members with information, ideas, consultation, and a process with which to make sound ethical decisions. Committee members (listed below) are experienced counselors and counselor educators who represent professions in Counseling. The American Counseling Association Code of Ethics is the primary reference, but committee members may suggest guidelines from other codes of ethics (i.e., ASCA, AMHCA, NCDA, etc.) and/or law or policy if appropriate to the situation. The Ethics committee is educational in nature only. Cases can be brought for information and ideas and suggestions with resolving ethical dilemmas and questions. The committee is not advisory. The decision about how to act remains with you, informed by the information you receive from the committee.

How do I contact the Ethics Committee?

Deborah Drew, Ed. D., Emeritus Counselor Educator at Husson University and consultant and clinical supervisor, is the Chair of the MeCA Committee on Professional Standards and Ethics. Send Deb your question and de-identified details of your dilemma and your contact information via e-mail at **drewd@husson.edu** or call her at **207-944-9048**.

What happens then? Deb sends your question and details, without your name and contact information, to the Ethics committee for feedback. Once the responses are in, Deb compiles the information and gets it back to you. You then review and make your decision about how to act.

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