



## **Doctor and Psychiatrist Sexual Abuse: Understanding Your Legal Rights ? Educational Webinar**

*May 23, 2025*

MT. LAUREL, NJ - May 23, 2025 -

Trenton, NJ ? Survivors of Abuse NJ, a trusted law firm dedicated to representing victims of sexual abuse, is hosting an educational webinar to help survivors of doctor and psychiatrist sexual abuse understand their legal rights and options for seeking justice. Led by Managing Attorney Joseph L. Messa, Esq., this event will provide vital information on how medical professionals can be held accountable for abuse, the legal avenues available to survivors, and the role of civil lawsuits in obtaining compensation.

Sexual abuse by medical professionals is an egregious breach of trust, ethics, and the doctor-patient relationship. Patients turn to doctors, psychiatrists, and other healthcare providers for care, only to find themselves subjected to manipulation, coercion, and abuse. Unfortunately, many survivors feel powerless, fearing retaliation, disbelief, or harm to their reputation if they report the misconduct. This free webinar will provide a safe and informative space for survivors and their families to understand how the law protects them and what steps they can take toward justice. The date and time for this webinar will be announced soon, and more information will be available on the firm's website.

The session will explore how sexual abuse by doctors and psychiatrists occurs, what warning signs survivors and families should recognize, and how violations of medical ethics contribute to these betrayals of trust. It will also address the process of reporting medical sexual abuse, what legal protections are in place for survivors, and how to pursue civil lawsuits against individual healthcare providers, hospitals, clinics, and psychiatric institutions. In addition, the webinar will explain the role of medical licensing boards and regulatory agencies in disciplining abusive practitioners, as well as how financial compensation in civil cases can help survivors afford necessary medical treatment, long-term therapy, and other related damages.

Medical professionals must be held accountable when they abuse their position of trust. Survivors of Abuse NJ works to help victims take legal action against negligent hospitals, private practices, and psychiatric institutions that failed to intervene or respond properly to reports of abuse. This webinar will serve as a practical resource for survivors looking to understand their rights and learn how to begin their legal journey.

"Patients put their trust and well-being in the hands of medical professionals," said Joseph L. Messa, Esq. "When that trust is violated by sexual abuse, survivors often feel shame, confusion, and fear of speaking out. Our goal with this webinar is to empower survivors with knowledge so they understand that the law is on their side and that legal action is possible."

In New Jersey, survivors of doctor and psychiatrist sexual abuse have powerful legal tools at their disposal. The New Jersey Child Victims Act and other applicable statutes allow victims to file civil lawsuits not only against individual perpetrators but also against the institutions that allowed the abuse to continue. Survivors may also file complaints with medical licensing boards, potentially resulting in disciplinary action, license suspension or revocation, and public accountability.

By pursuing legal action, survivors can obtain financial compensation for the emotional and psychological harm they've endured, as well as for costs related to therapy and medical care. Legal action also plays a critical role in holding negligent hospitals, clinics, and institutions accountable and in preventing future abuse by exposing dangerous professionals and systemic failures.

This webinar is designed to serve a wide audience, including survivors of sexual abuse by doctors or psychiatrists, family members and loved ones seeking guidance on how to support them, and advocacy groups or professionals working with abuse survivors. It is also open to anyone seeking to better understand the legal landscape for victims of medical abuse.

Those interested in attending this free educational webinar can visit the Survivors of Abuse NJ website for upcoming event announcements and registration details.

?Survivors deserve to know their rights and feel supported in taking legal action,? said Messa. ?We encourage anyone impacted by doctor or psychiatrist sexual abuse to attend this webinar and learn more about how justice can be pursued.?

Survivors of Abuse NJ is committed to fighting for victims of medical and psychiatric sexual abuse across New Jersey. For those who have experienced such abuse, the firm offers confidential case evaluations and survivor-centered legal support. To learn more, visit <https://survivorsofabusenj.com> or call (848) 290-7929. Survivors of Abuse NJ stands ready to help victims take the first step toward healing and justice.

###

For more information about Joseph L. Messa, Esq. - The Abuse Lawyer NJ, contact the company here: Joseph L. Messa, Esq. - The Abuse Lawyer NJ Joseph L. Messa, Esq. (848) 290-7929 [joe@survivorsofabusenj.com](mailto:joe@survivorsofabusenj.com) 2000 Academy Dr., Suite 200 Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054

### **Joseph L. Messa, Esq. - The Abuse Lawyer NJ**

*Joseph L. Messa, Esq. - The Abuse Lawyer NJ is an experienced attorney that helps survivors of sexual assault and child sexual abuse get compensation and justice through civil lawsuits throughout New Jersey.*

Website: <https://survivorsofabusenj.com/>

Email: [joe@survivorsofabusenj.com](mailto:joe@survivorsofabusenj.com)

Phone: (848) 290-7929

