

Enhancing Client Well-Being

Integrating Multisensory Law and Therapeutic Jurisprudence

Overview

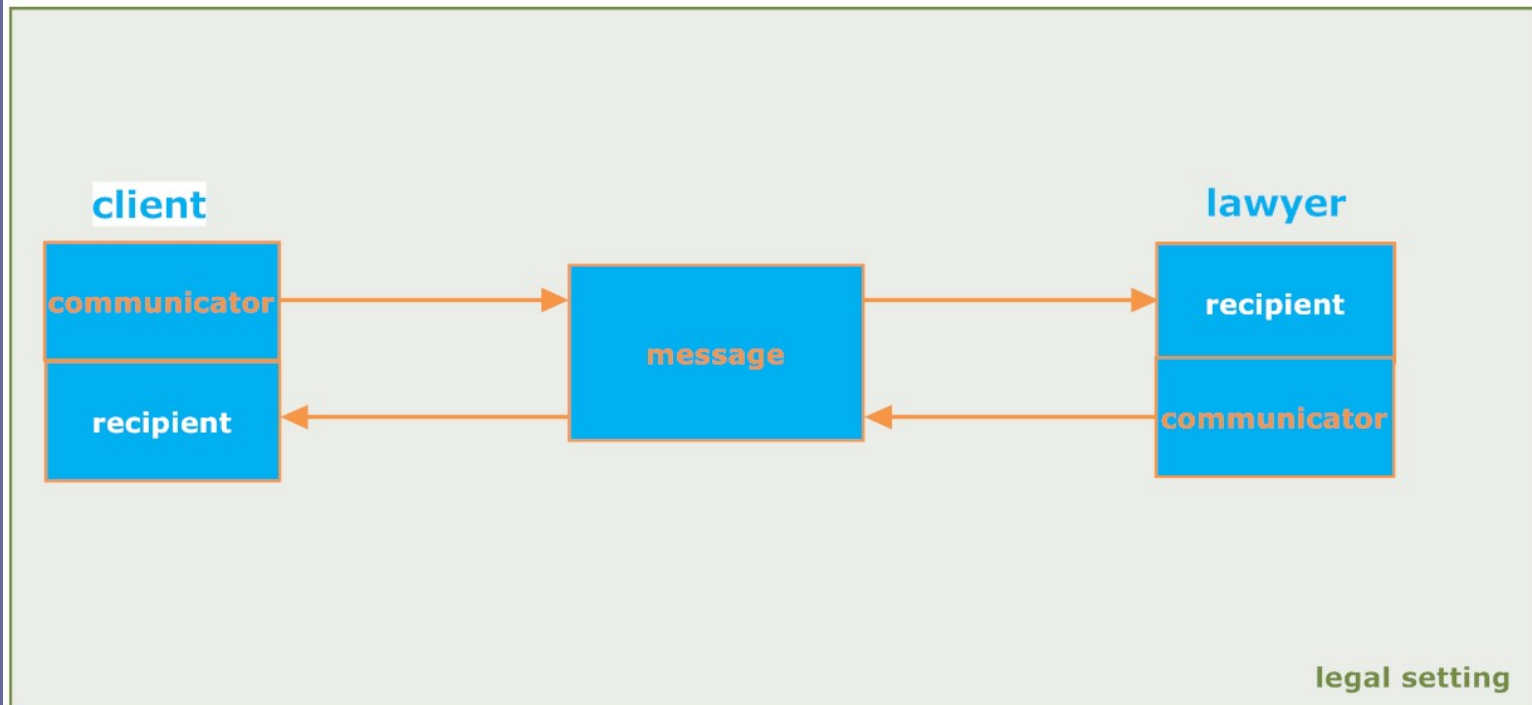
- **Background**
 - **Lawyering communication model**
 - **Status quo of MS and TJ lawyering**
- **Problems**
 - **Shortcomings in lawyer-client communication**
 - **Deficits in client-lawyer communication**
- **Key question**
 - **How can we enhance client expressivity and lawyerly communication skills?**



Illustrated Manuscript of the Saxons' Mirror (Wolfenbüttel), folio 24 verso, 14th century

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Lawyering - Communication Model



cf. Six/Gleich/Gimmler (2007), 21.

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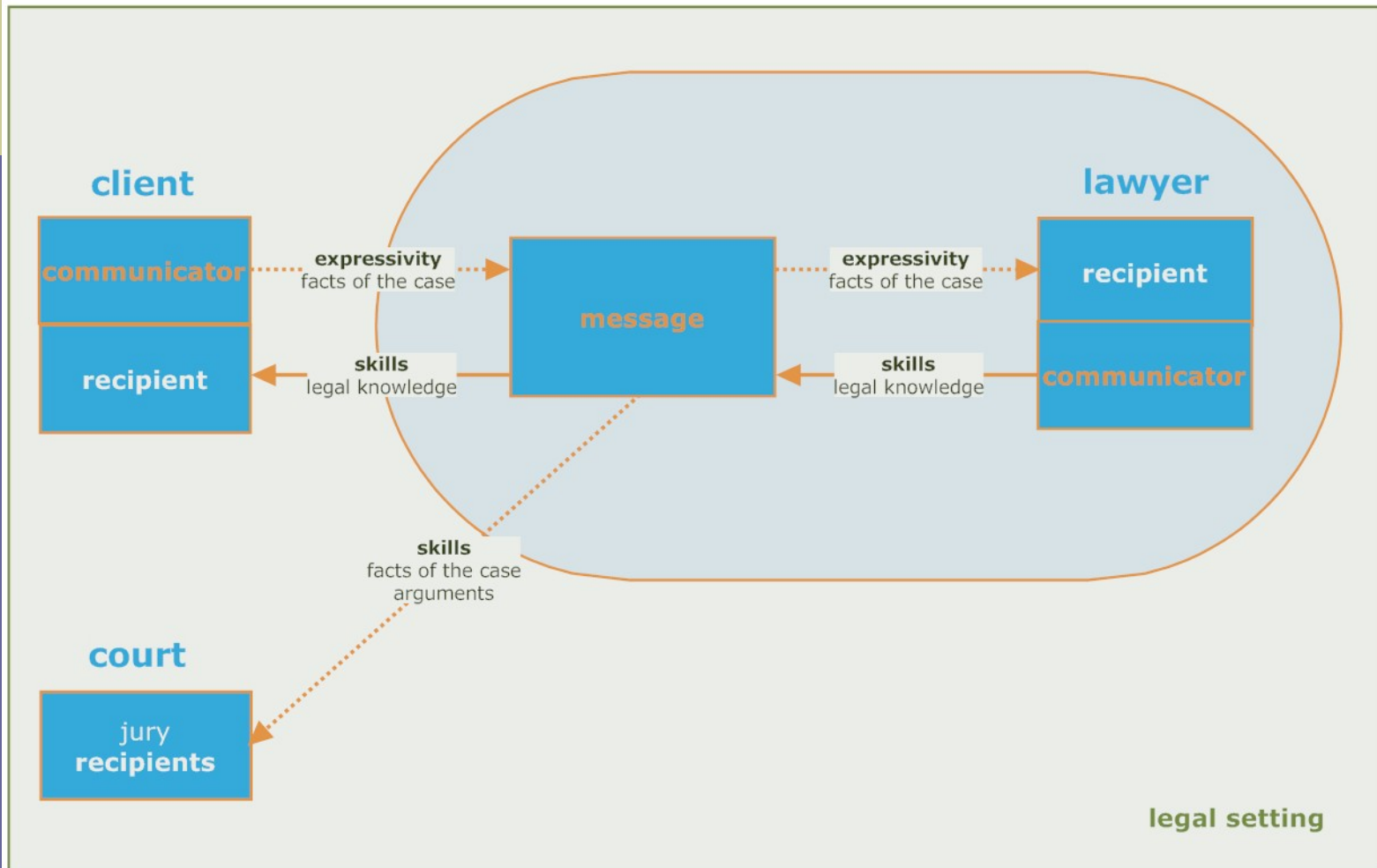


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Lawyering: Communicative Intentions

Client	Content	Lawyer
seeks	legal information	provides
provides	information (facts of the case)	seeks
seeks	legal advice	gives
persuades	client's-/lawyer's perspective	persuades
healing of	a conflict	heals

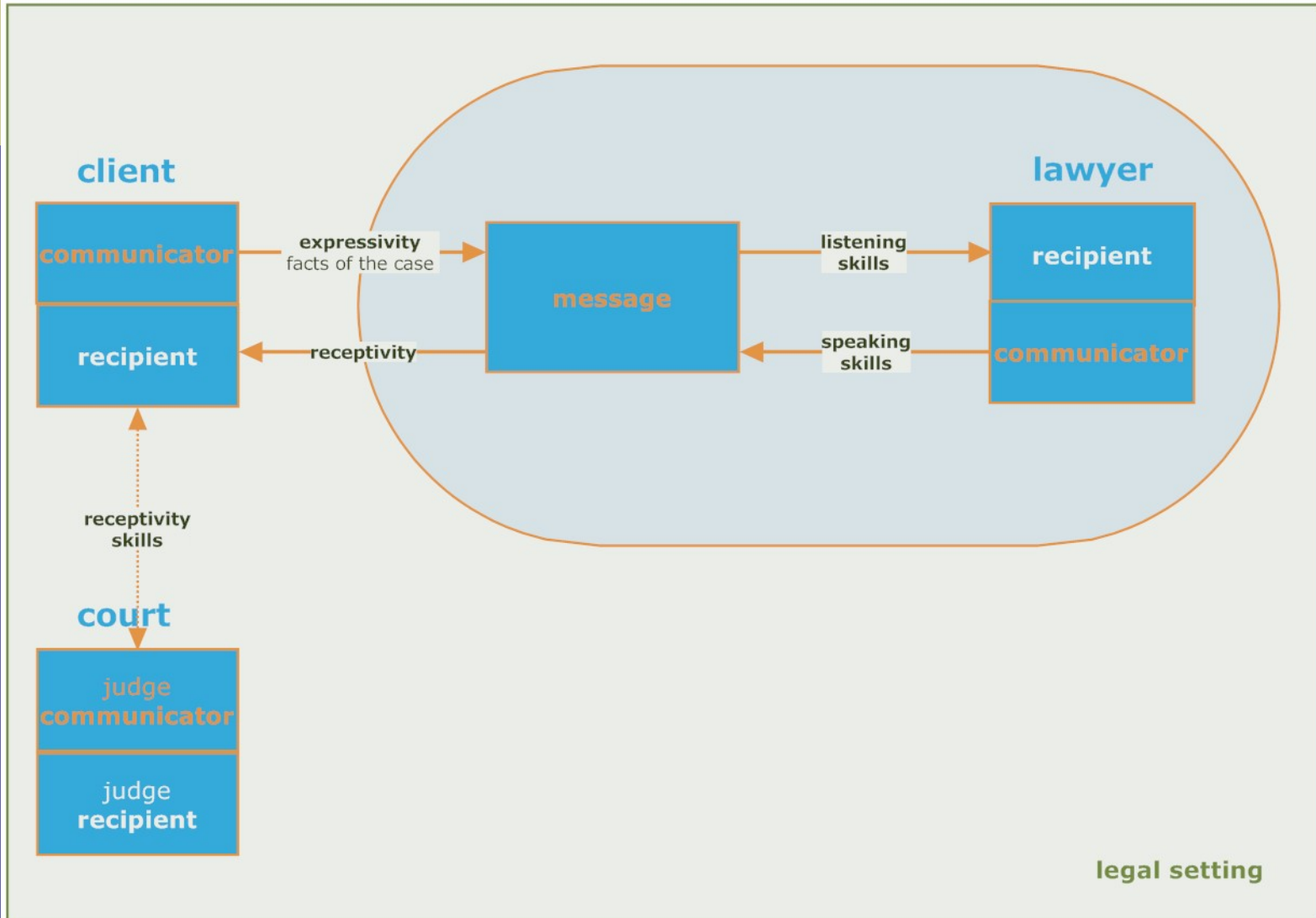
(Audio-)Visual Lawyering - Communication Model



intended communicative impact

- understanding
- interest

Therapeutic Lawyering - Communication Model



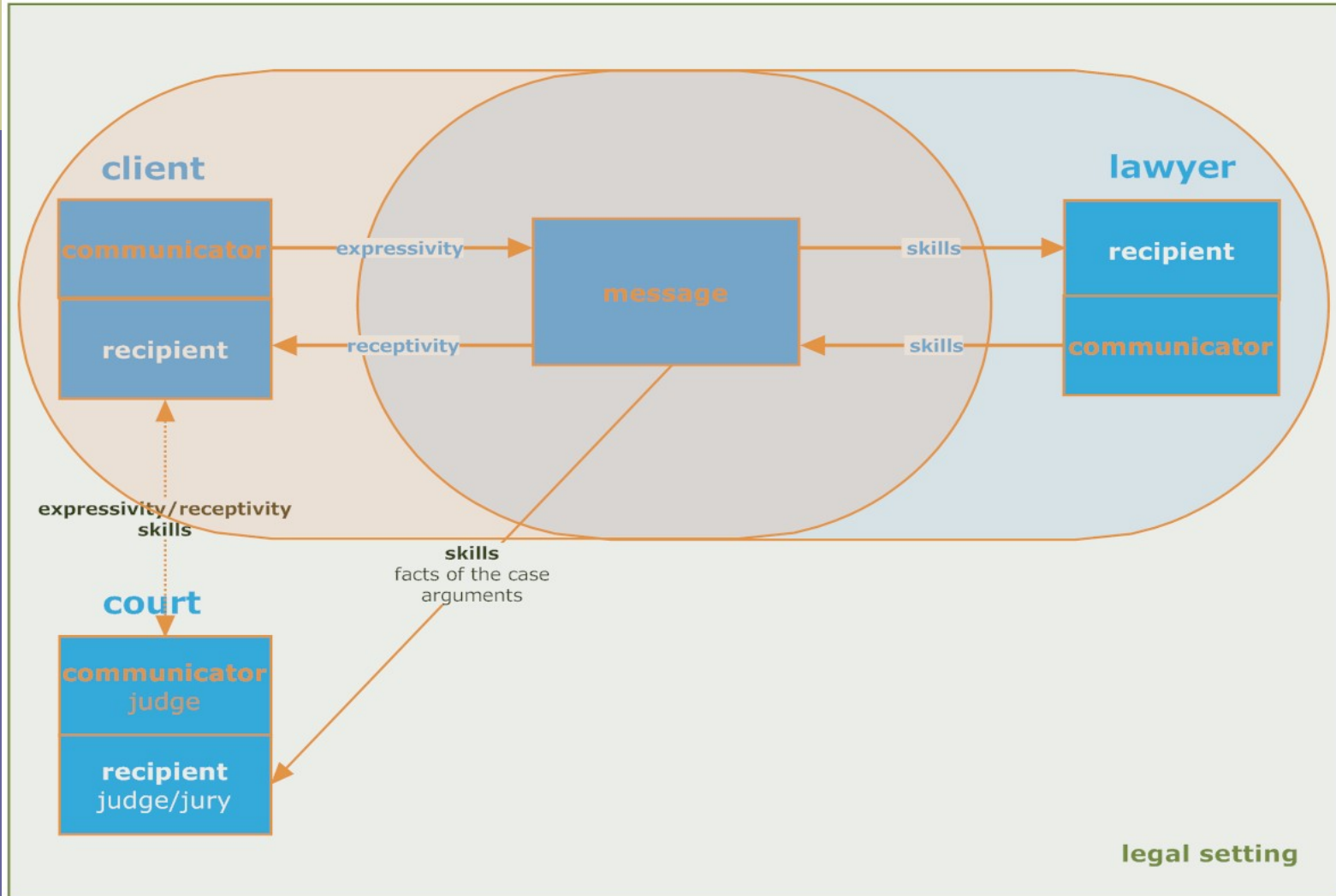
intended communicative impact

- client psychological/emotional well-being

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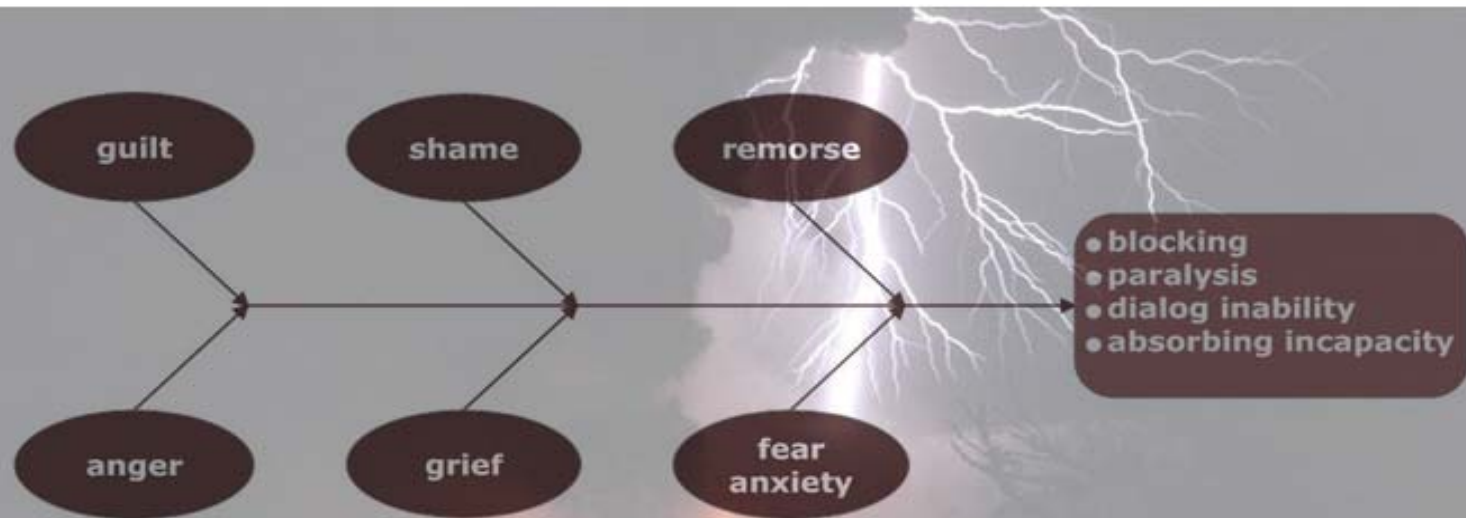


intended communicative impact

- client cognitive, emotional, and physical well-being

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Client's Emotional Turmoil and Its Effects During Separation/Divorce



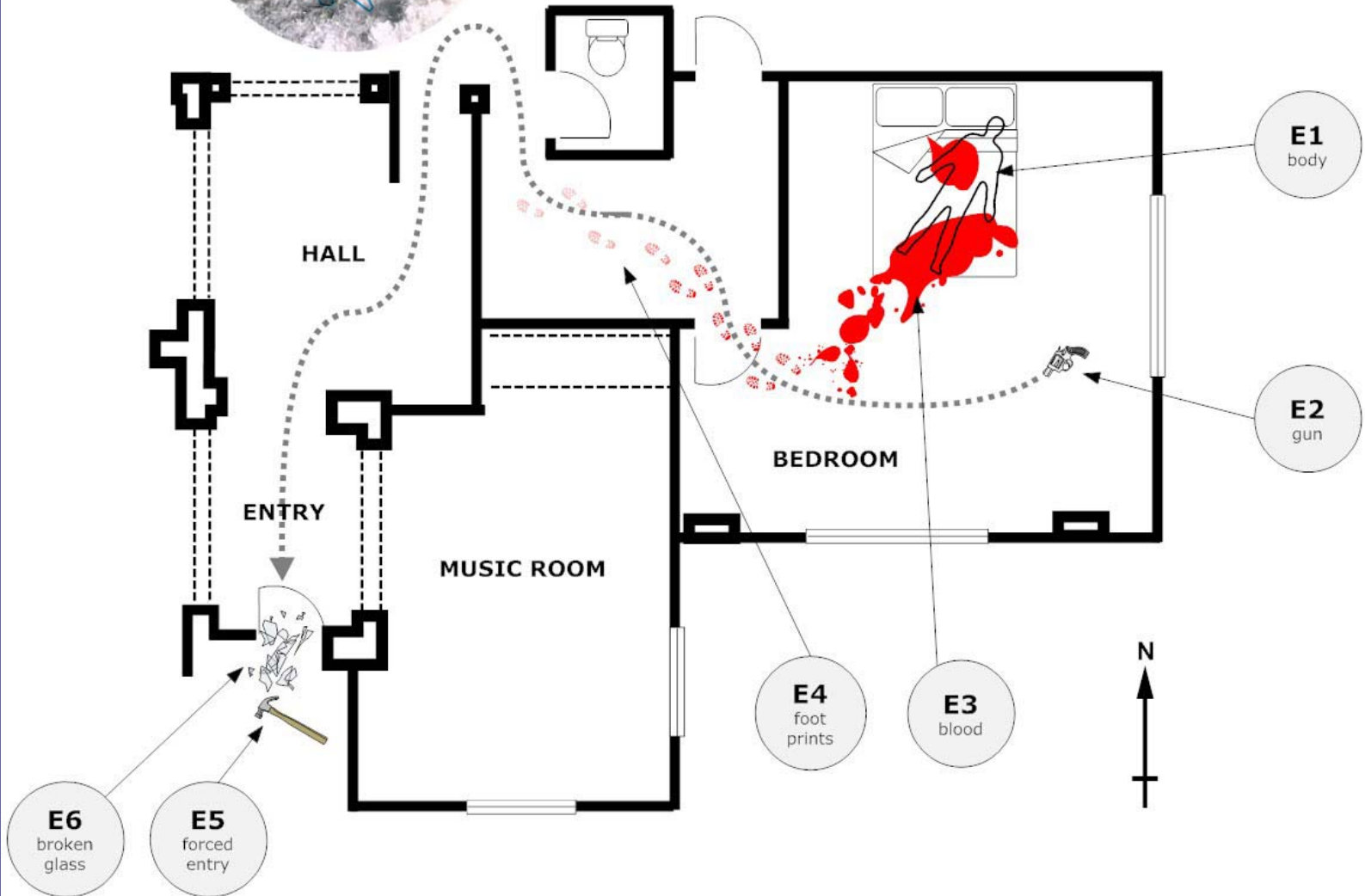
tools for coping with the emotional turmoil?

Boos-Hersberger/Tesler (2000), 464, 467f.
Tesler (2000), 190, 197
Büchler/Vetterli (2007), 96, 106

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CLIENT

- witness of the murder of her spouse
- assault victim

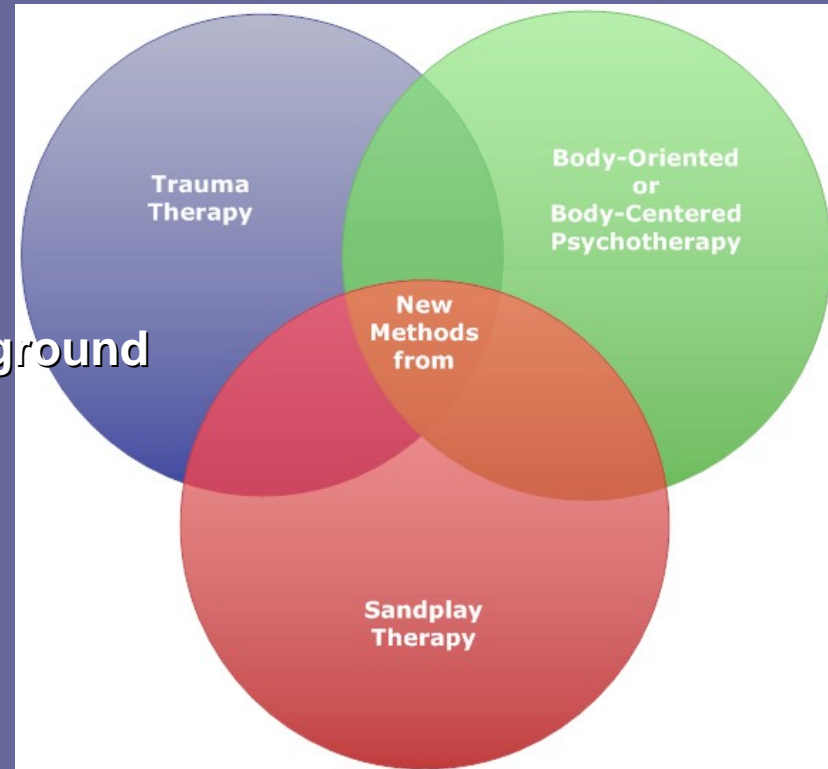


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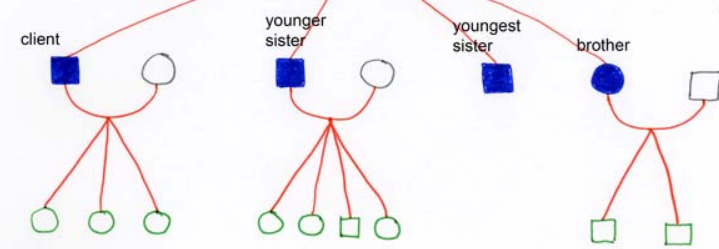
New Methods

- **Beyond the scope of this presentation**
 - **Description**
 - **Theoretical background**
 - **Indication**
 - **Purpose**
 - **Effects**
- **List of references**



Client Visual Expressivity

- **Materialized (exterior) visualisations**
 - Photographs
 - Drawings
 - Plans
 - ...
- **Imagination exercises**
 - **How could you imagine your life in five years?**
 - Place
 - Persons
 - Animals



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Client Audio-Visual Expressivity

- Client videos
 - Penn Law's Visual Legal Advocacy Roundtable 2007/2008
 - ...

<http://www.law.upenn.edu/academics/institutes/documentaries/vlaroundtable/2007/videos.htm>, accessed June 16, 2009.

MORNING PANEL



Capturing Victims on Film with Clarity, Honesty, and Dignity

Personal injury lawyers have long produced Day-in-the-Life films which show juries and judges the reality confronting plaintiffs who struggle with and overcome disabilities caused by defendants' tortious behavior. Video diaries shot by clients or members of their families with relatively inexpensive camcorders can accomplish much the same goal for disability claimants, aggrieved tenants living in substandard housing, and victims of social injustice in general. Of course, the public interest attorney should give a client undertaking to make a video diary some guidance about what and how to shot her/his life. Shanin Specter of Kline & Specter illustrates how to capture a victim on film with clarity, honesty, and dignity.

Watch video (Note: This video is limited to members of the Penn Law community. If you would like to request access, please contact Professor Regina Austin at raustin@law.upenn.edu)

Client **Multisensory Expressivity**



<http://www.sandplay.org/index.htm>, accessed June 19, 2009.

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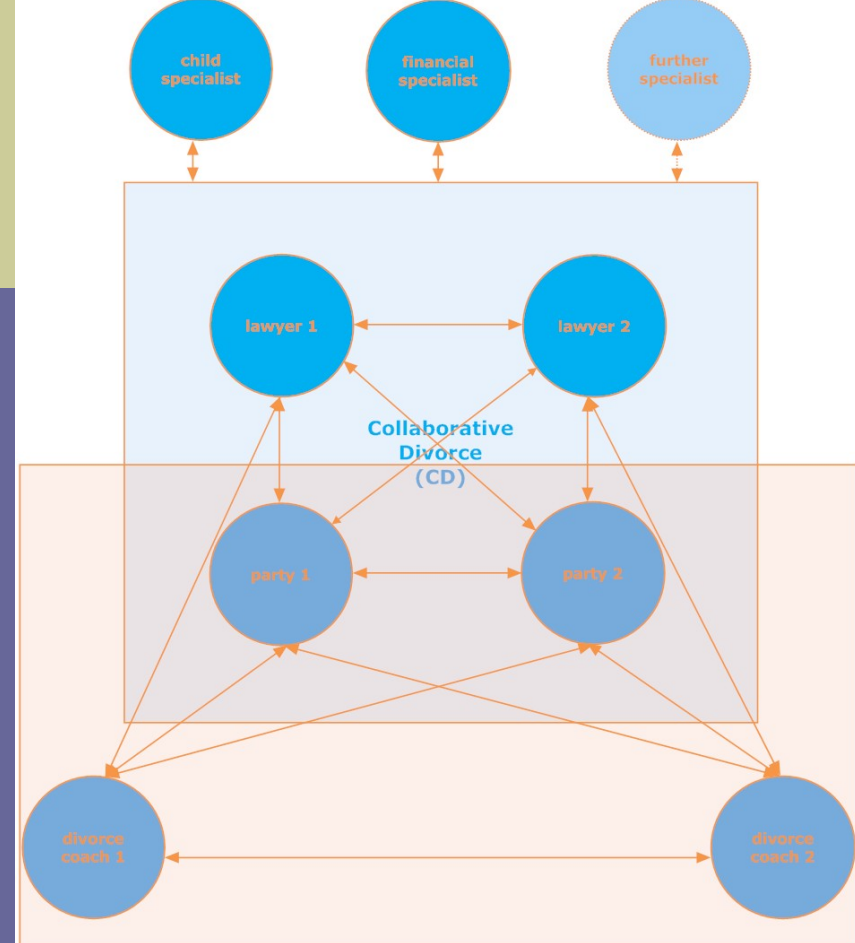
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Client Multisensory Expressivity

- Trauma Therapy
 - Somatic Experiencing® (P. A. Levine)
 - ...
- Body-Oriented/Body-Centered Psychotherapy
 - Odgen/Minton/Pain (2006), 216f.
 - Body-Centered Psychotherapy IKP® (Y. Maurer)
 - ...

Lawyer's Integrated Visual, Audio-visual, and Multisensory Therapeutic Skills

- Visual
 - Legal visualizations
 - ...
- Audio-visual
 - The War of the Roses
 - ...
- Multisensory



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Integrated Multisensory Therapeutic Law SWOT Analysis

Strengths MST Law

- ◆ Lawyer-related
- ◆ Client-related
- ◆ Process-related

Weaknesses MST Law

- ◆ Lawyer-related
- ◆ Client-related
- ◆ Process-related

Opportunities

- ◆ **Legal environment**
 - Research
 - Teaching
- ◆ **Psychological environment**
 - Research
 - Teaching

Threats

- ◆ **Legal environment**
 - Research
 - Teaching
 - Practice
- ◆ **Psychological environment**
 - Research
 - Teaching
 - Practice

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