



## Welcome to **MINDFUL MONDAY!**

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**Presentation:** How to Identify Mental Health in Clients When they are Not Diagnosed/Competency Evaluation

**Presenter:** Barbara Drumheller

**Date:** Monday, May 11, 2026

**Time:** 12:00 – 1:00 pm

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**Overview:** Identifying mental health concerns in clients without a diagnosis involves noticing shifts in behavior, mood, communication, and functioning. We will discuss how these signs relate to determining when a competency evaluation may be appropriate.

**Bio:** Barbara Drumheller has been practicing law for 28 years. She began her legal career as an appellate prosecutor at the Harris County District Attorney's Office and continued appellate work in private practice. She has written hundreds of briefs on direct appeal and argued cases before the courts of appeal and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals (CCA). Her appellate practice included securing the reversal and acquittal for a client from the CCA. She also assisted Judge Cathy Cochran on the Texas Rules of Evidence Handbook as an editor for Jones McClure Publishing. More recently, Barbara worked in the Office of the General Counsel for the Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD. Her experience included representing the Harris Center in the management of individuals found not guilty by reason of insanity out of Harris County, preparing psychiatrists for trial testimony in a variety of criminal and civil proceedings, representing social workers and other staff in courtrooms on both the criminal and civil side, and participating in the launch of new mental health initiatives in Harris County. Barbara transitioned from the Harris Center to the Mental Health Division of the Harris County Public Defender's Office in 2020. In her spare time, Barbara enjoys creative writing and holds a PhD from the University of Houston in Literature and Creative Writing.