

Curriculum vitae summary  
Thomas G. Gutheil, M.D.

Thomas G. Gutheil, M.D. is Professor of Psychiatry in the Department of Psychiatry, Beth Israel-Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard Medical School. Dr. Gutheil had been associated with the Massachusetts Mental Health Center, Boston, for more than a third of a century and had served as a staff member there for 34 years. An internationally known teacher, lecturer, author and consultant on medicolegal issues, risk management and malpractice prevention, Dr. Gutheil is the first Professor of Psychiatry in the history of the Harvard Medical School to be board certified in both general and forensic psychiatry.

Dr. Gutheil is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Medical School. He is currently Assistant Director of Medical Student Training and Co-Founder of the Program in Psychiatry and the Law, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard Medical School. He is also former Visiting Lecturer, Harvard Law School; President, Law & Psychiatry Resource Center; Former Special Consultant to the Risk Management Foundation of the Harvard Medical Institutions; and Affiliate Member, Boston Psychoanalytic Society & Institute. He was the year 2000 president of the American Academy of Psychiatry and Law, the national forensic psychiatric association, and is the current president of the International Academy of Law and Mental Health.

Dr. Gutheil served as an A.P.A. delegate to the American Bar Association's Task Force on the insanity defense. In addition he has served as consultant to the American Bar Association's Task Force on Competence to be Executed and as Special Consultant to the Department of Justice of the Federal Government of Canada. As a twice-board-certified Forensic Psychiatrist, he has served as consultant or expert witness on cases in forty-two states.

Dr. Gutheil received the Seymour Pollack award and the "Golden Apple" award from the American Academy of Psychiatry and Law for distinguished contributions to the teaching of forensic psychiatry, and the "Teacher of the Year" award from CME and the Psychiatric Times. He received the 1997 Prix Philippe Pinel from the International Academy of Law and Mental Health for significant contributions to teaching and research in legal psychiatry, and the 2000 Isaac Ray Award from the A.P.A. for outstanding contributions to forensic psychiatry and the psychiatric aspects of jurisprudence. He is the recipient of the 2000 Lifetime Achievement in Mentoring award from Harvard Medical School. Dr. Gutheil was listed in the 1994 and 2005-6 editions of Best Doctors in America for forensic psychiatry and has been elected a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.

In 1982 he co-authored, with Paul S. Appelbaum, M.D., the Clinical Handbook of Psychiatry and the Law (now in its fourth edition) which received the 1982 Manfred S. Guttmacher Award from the A.P.A. as the outstanding contribution to the forensic psychiatric literature. A second Guttmacher award was given to Psychiatric Uses of Seclusion and Restraint, to which he contributed two chapters, and a third for an article in the American Journal of Psychiatry. Dr. Gutheil was the first psychiatrist in the United States to have shared in three Guttmacher awards. Dr. Gutheil also contributed to the chapters on the psychiatric record and legal issues in inpatient psychiatry for Inpatient Psychiatry: Diagnosis and Treatment, and supplied the chapter on legal issues in psychiatry for the Fifth and Sixth Editions of the Comprehensive Textbook of Psychiatry. In total, he has been author or coauthor of over 250 articles, books or book chapters in the national and international clinical and forensic literature as well as several teaching audiotapes and videotapes. His audiotape series, "How to Avoid Psychiatric Malpractice," (CME) was reported to be the best-selling home study course in psychiatry. Dr. Gutheil lives and works in the Boston area.