The second edition of this highly practical and easily understood handbook provides counselors and students with the means to quickly apply the 2014 ACA Code of Ethics to practice and to professional roles and activities. It contains on-point recommendations for each standard of the Code, a decision-making model, and a listing of ethics resources.

Part I presents each section of the Code, along with a brief commentary that emphasizes its most essential elements, common ethical dilemmas and problems relevant to that section, and specific strategies for risk prevention and positive practice. Part II contains ethical guidance sections focused on areas that counselors often encounter in their work, including culture and diversity, confidentiality and exceptions to confidentiality, counseling suicidal clients, multiple relationships in counseling, competence, supervision, managed care, termination and abandonment, and how to respond to an ethics complaint or malpractice suit. New to this edition is a section titled “Integrating Technology into Counseling Practice.”

Barnett and Johnson have produced an essential resource for counselors who aspire to best practices in interpreting and applying the 2014 ACA Code of Ethics. When counselors encounter an ethical dilemma or complex question, they would be prudent to consult this ready reference guide. This resource belongs on the desk of every conscientious counselor.

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