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Forensic psychology refers to the application of psychological knowledge and methods to both civil and criminal legal questions. The broader classification suggests that it involves the application of all psychological areas of research to the legal fields, while the narrower definition opines forensic psychology as "The application of clinical specialities to legal institutions and people who come into contact with the law".

In addition to forensic psychology, legal psychology is practiced within the umbrella term of psychology and law. As a whole, legal psychology, as a whole, focuses on many of the aspects that forensic psychology centers around. These being how psychology can



be applied to the legal field.  
As such, these subfields can  
often be used interchangeably  
with the exception that  
legal psychology doesn't typi-  
cally include clinical matters,  
within its scope. These issues,  
in particular those directly  
relating to mental health,  
are best explained through  
forensic psychology.

Because forensic psychology is  
interlaced with the legal  
field, it requires an understanding  
of fundamental legal principles,  
such as those regarding  
standard legal professionals, expert  
witness testimony, competence and  
insanity definitions and evalua-  
tions, and so on in order  
to be able to communicate  
effectively with judges, attorneys,  
and other legal professionals.