

Seymour Pollack, MD, Memorial Issue: An Introduction

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The late Dr. Seymour Pollack had a wide range of interests and impacts within the field of psychiatry and the law. In this collection of essays dedicated to his memory, it was felt that the diversity of topics and contributors should reflect the diversity of Dr. Pollack's contributions to forensic psychiatry.

Three groups of contributors were sought. Dr. Pollack was one of those distinguished members of our field to receive the Golden Apple award of The American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law; contributions were sought from other winners of that prize. Dr. Pollack was a president of AAPL; other presidents of the Academy were invited to make contributions. Dr. Pollack was a director of training in forensic psychiatry and a director of a psychiatric-legal service; essays were invited from other directors of educational and service programs.

In much the same way as the range of Dr. Pollack's interests was unified by the man, analogously, the range of essays in this special issue of *The Bulletin of AAPL* is unified by their dedication to his memory. Dr. Pollack argued his positions vigorously, based them firmly on carefully collected data, and correctly prided himself on the cogency of his reasoning processes. It is our hope that these essays will reflect those qualities that he exemplified.