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I was a student of this author, a professor at the U. of MN, for a social work course on brief therapy strategy. His expertise and common sense way of dealing with involuntary clients is groundbreaking. Dr. Rooney uses direct partnering of clinician and client to empower the client. He finds a way to serve the client exactly where they are willing and interested in being served. This makes it possible for even the most intractable, reluctant client to be capable of growth and change. A sample exchange might go: "Well, since you are mandated to attend this therapy, and you do not want to be here. What are you actually interested in? How can we make this time work for you?" This is a work of practical genius. Anybody working in human services, even any parent, can benefit from this work.

Involuntary clients are required to see a professional, such as juveniles on probation, or are pressured to seek help, such as alcoholics threatened with the desertion of a spouse. For close to two decades, *Strategies for Work with Involuntary Clients* has led in its honest analysis of the involuntary transaction, suggesting the kind of effective legal and ethical intervention that can lead to more cooperative encounters, successful contracts, and less burnout on both sides of the treatment relationship. For this second edition, Ronald H. Rooney has invited experts to address recent theories and provide new information on the best practices for specific populations and settings. He also adds practical examples and questions to each chapter to better facilitate the involvement of students and readers, plus a section on motivational interviewing.

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