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**Dr. Ellen Fink-Samnack and Colleagues Recipients of the
Case Management Research Award from the Case
Management Society of America (CMSA) Foundation**

Burke, VA—EFS Supervision Strategies, LLC is proud to announce that its principal, Dr. Ellen Fink-Samnack, was recipient of the 2025 CMSA Foundation Research Award with colleagues, Dr. Colleen Morley, and Dr. Lisa Parker-Williams. Their project, *Professional Identity in Case Management*, explored the academic and occupational perspectives of professional identity formation for >1100 case managers across degrees and disciplines.

Dr. Fink-Samnack's 42-year career reflects her ongoing commitment to advancing research, knowledge, and practice for professional case management's interdisciplinary workforce.

Acknowledged as professional case management's "*ethical compass*", Dr. Fink-Samnack's expertise encompasses health care quality, health equity, integrated care, interprofessional teams, professional case management, mentoring, and trauma-directed leadership. She is an author, consultant, educator, mentor, and professional speaker who has written five books, including *The Ethical Case Manager: Tools and Tactics*. Her sixth title, *Behavioral Health for Case Management*, will be published in October 2025. She is also editor for, *Integrated Behavioral Health: Applying the Biodyne Model in Healthcare*, to be published in January 2026.

Dr. Fink-Samnack is a doctoral faculty member, academic advisor, and the IRB coordinator for [Cummings Graduate Institute of Behavioral Health Studies](#). She also is as an adjunct faculty member for [George Mason University's College of Public Health](#) and Department of Social Work. Dr. Fink-Samnack holds a Masters in Social Work (MSW) from the [University of Buffalo School of Social Work](#) and Doctorate in Behavioral Health (DBH) from Cummings Graduate Institute. She is a Fellow in Case Management (FCM) through CMSA and a Fellow for Rise Association.

Dr. Fink-Samnack is editor of The HeartBeat of Case Management Department for Wolter Kluwer Health's [Professional Case Management Journal](#) and member of the journal's editorial advisory board. Along with CMSA, her fierce professional voice has been shared with assorted entities including AHIMA's Data for Better Health Initiative, The Case Management Institute, The Commission for Case Manager Certification (CCMC), The Gravity Project, the National Association of Social Workers, and RISE Association. Dr. Fink-Samnack is the current Vice-Chair of CMSA's DEIB Core Committee and has been instrumental in facilitating the committee's deliverables.

About The [CMSA's Foundation's Case Management Research Award](#): This Award recognizes an individual, group, or organization that uses findings from a research project for innovation in the advancement of case management practice and/or improved client outcomes.

About [The Case Management Society of America \(CMSA\)](#): CMSA is the authority for professional case management practice to improve the health of individuals, families, caregivers, and support systems within their communities by setting standards and best practices for case management across the healthcare continuum, impacting policy to improve health outcomes, and providing evidence-based tools and resources to case managers.

About [EFS Supervision Strategies, LLC](#): EFSS is a sole proprietor company dedicated to empowering interprofessional knowledge acquisition and health equity through consultation, content development, education, and training.

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