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Curriculum Vitae

Current Position: Licensed Clinical Psychologist in private practice, Virginia License #1150

Education: B.A. in American History - University of North Carolina, 1967
M.A. in Science Education - West Virginia University, 1970
Ph.D. in School Psychology - New York University, 1980

Experience:

1983 - Present: Licensed Clinical Psychologist in private practice. While I provide a full range of clinical services, my specialties include family and custodial evaluations, including those involving sex and physical abuse allegations, and working with post-divorce couples in mediation and as a Parent Coordinator. Additionally, I have supervised several doctoral level Residents in Clinical Psychology, and I have consulted with and supervised a variety of Licensed Clinical Psychologists in the performance of forensic evaluations and parent coordination. I have had extensive experience as well as an expert witness in an assortment of legal jurisdictions.

1975 - 1983: During this period I worked as a school psychologist at Gallaudet College, then as a staff psychologist at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, D.C. From 1977 - 1983, I was first a school psychologist and then a clinical supervisor at a private special education facility, consulting with and overseeing a variety of mental health workers and administrators.

1974 - 1975: APA approved clinical internship in New York City.

Publications, Presentations and Memberships:

I have two publications relating to deafness and I have made scores of presentations in educational settings, covering a wide range of topics. I have written on ethical considerations in custody evaluations (1991) and presented on this topic to the Fairfax County Bar Association (1993). I have also spoken on domestic violence to the Virginia Bar Association Pro Bono Conference on Domestic Violence (1994), and I have made several presentations, including ones on domestic violence, the impact of divorce on children, the pros and cons of joint custody, and determining the psychological attachments of children in custody evaluations to the Family Law Section of the Lynchburg Bar Association.

I have co-written and am appearing in a film, now shown throughout Virginia, on the impact of divorce on children, for the Family Law Section of the Virginia Bar Association, Domestic Relations Section (1998), and I have spoken on Parental Relocation to the Virginia Bar Association, Domestic Relations Section (1997) and to the Family Section of the Alexandria Bar Association (2002). Also in 2002, I spoke, as part of a panel, to the Fairfax Bar Association (Family Law Section) on Post Divorce interventions, and in 2003, also to the Fairfax Bar Association, in dealing with difficult clients.

In 2004, I spoke, as part of a panel on Relocation in custody cases, to the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association and in 2007 I presented a workshop on The Role of a Parent Coordinator to the Virginia Mediator Network Fall Training Conference where I also participated on a panel on “Assessing the Needs of High Conflict families”. In November of 2007 I appeared on a PBS radio piece (All Things Considered) on child custody evaluations. In September, 2008 I participated in a Fairfax County Bar Association Family Law CLE program, giving a talk on the interface between the judicial system and custody evaluators in custody evaluations. In April of 2011 I was a participant in a workshop presented by the Virginia Bar Association, Bankruptcy Section, regarding dealing with difficult clients, and in October of 2011 I gave a talk on Alienation in Collaborative Practice to the DC Academy of Collaborative Professionals (DCACP), and I made a similar presentation for the Collaborative Professionals of Northern Virginia in January, 2013.

In October, 2013 I presented two seminars to Northern Virginia attorneys, at a National Business Institute workshop, one on Custody Evaluations and the other on Brief Focused Assessments. In May, 2017 I presented, as part of a panel discussion, to the D.C. Bar Association, Family Section, on the pros and cons of custody evaluations.

In June, 2018 I presented, as part of a panel on the “nuts and bolts” of Parenting Coordination, specifically on ethical considerations at the Annual AFCC Conference in Washington, DC. In January, 2020 I was live interviewed on MindBodyRadio.com regarding my work as a forensic family psychologist. In October of 2021, I was part of a panel presentation on Brief Focused Assessments (BFA’s) to the Frederick County, Maryland Bar Association, and in October of 2022, I presented on the same topic to the Maryland Chapter of the AFCC in Annapolis, MD.

I am a member of the Advisory Council of the Professional Academy of Custody Evaluators of the American Psychological Association, Northern Virginia Society of Clinical Psychologists, the Virginia Psychological Association and the Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists, and the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC).