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CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of birth: June 5, 1947

Place of birth: Akron, Ohio

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

1965-68: George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

1968-72: University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, Michigan: M.D. degree.

1972-76: University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver, Colorado.

Four year residency within the Department of Psychiatry; 1974-75, Chief Resident and Teaching Fellow in the Adult Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic; 1975-76, Staff Psychiatrist, Forensic Division, Colorado State Hospital in Pueblo, Colorado.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1974-75: Teaching Fellow at UCHSC.

1975-76: As the Ward Chief of three units at CSH, I provided classes, case conferences, and treatment conferences to the staff.

1976-78: As Consulting Psychiatrist at CSH, I supervised new staff psychiatrists.

1977-80: As Consultant to the Denver Department of Social Services (Child Welfare) I taught social workers in weekly classes focusing on the evaluation process, diagnostic skills, and management of people with severe emotional disorders.

1978-85: As a Clinical Instructor at UCHSC, I taught medical students and psychiatric residents.

1976-Present: Since beginning private practice in 1976, I have given numerous talks to a variety of audiences including physicians, attorneys, judges, other mental health professionals, and the general public. Subjects have included: victimization, sexual abuse, step families, personal injury, office management, child custody, psychiatric consultation, the psychotherapeutic process, burnout, friendship, transference, healing, depression, parenting, trust, personality disorders, trauma, adolescence, physical abuse, special advocacy, and multicultural divorce.

PRESENTATIONS SINCE 1995

“Therapeutic Mediation and Synchronized Divorce” presented at the Metropolitan Disciplinary Committee meeting held on January 16, 1995

“Attorneys, Clients, and Sexual Misconduct: Another One Bites the Dust”, panel member at a conference entitled “New Songs for Old Dogs: Everything You Didn’t Learn in Family Law 101 (Because It Didn’t Exist)” on June 23, 1995

“The Dynamics of Interpersonal Relationships in the Attorney/Client Relationship: What You Don’t Know Can Hurt You!” presented at “New Songs for Old Dogs: Everything You Didn’t Learn in Family Law 101 (Because It Didn’t Exist)” on June 23, 1995

"Making Child Custody Decisions from the Bench", Colorado Judicial Conference, September 1995

"Failed Marriage, Successful Divorce", 19th Annual Child Custody Conference, September 1995

“Alienation and Sex Abuse Issues in Child Custody”, Lawyers Public Information Foundation Seminar, Hilton Head, South Carolina, October 1995

“Ethics in the Family Law Courtroom”, member of a panel of mental health professionals, Colorado Bar Association, April 1996

“Representing the Alleged Perpetrator in a Sexual Abuse Case”, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers’ conference on Current Issues in Domestic Relations, December 1996

“Alternatives to Traditional Child Custody Evaluations”, member of a panel of mental health professionals and an attorney, Colorado Judicial Conference, October 1997

“Representing the Wealthy”, Family Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association, March 1998

“The Team Approach - Making It Work for Children”, member of a panel of mental

health and legal professionals, 22nd Annual Child Custody Conference,
Breckenridge, Colorado, September 1998

- “Out Damn Custody! The New Law of Post-Divorce Parenting in Colorado”, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Annual Bench-Bar Dinner, April 1999
- “An Expert’s Perspective - Overcoming the Games Lawyers Play”, moderated a panel of experts at the Colorado Bar Association Convention, September 2000
- “The Family Law Debates”, co-moderated a series of debates at the Breckenridge Conference on Parental Responsibility, September 2000
- “How to Spot Mental Health and Substance Abuse Concerns”, presented at the Ninth Judicial Bar Association Special Advocate Training, June 29, 2001
- “How to Facilitate Therapy and/or Counseling”, presented at the Ninth Judicial Bar Association Special Advocate Training, June 29, 2001
- “Tips on Testifying as a Special Advocate and What to Leave Out”, member of a panel at the Ninth Judicial Bar Association Special Advocate Training, June 29, 2001
- “Changing the Deal”, member of a panel of three presenters at the Family Law Institute’s conference on children and divorce, September 15, 2001
- “Stop! In the Name of Love: Removal Under the New Statute - Mock Trial”, member of a panel of mental health and legal professionals at the Family Law Institute’s Conference on Children and Divorce, September 16, 2001
- “Developing the Collaborative Team”, presented at the Collaborative Family Law Seminar on June 25, 2002
- “The Use of Mental Health and ADR Professionals in Collaborative Divorce”, presented at the Collaborative Family Law Seminar on June 25 and November 6, 2002
- “Strategies for Working With the Impaired Client” presented at the Lawyers Public Information Foundation conference in Irvington, Virginia on October 15, 2002
- “Working With the Personality Disordered Client” presented at The Colorado Chapter of the Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers’ seminar entitled “Advanced Issues in Domestic Relations” on December 6, 2002
- “Who Has the Baby Tonight? Overnights for Infants?”, a debate with Robert LaCrosse, Ph.D., at the Metropolitan Denver Interdisciplinary Committee luncheon on March 4, 2003

- “Strategies for Working With the Difficult Client, Part Two” presented at the Attorney-Mediator Dialogue on April 18, 2003
- “Attorney Mediator vs Non-Attorney Mediator: Distinction Without a Difference”, moderated a panel of legal professionals at the Attorney-Mediator Dialogue on April 18, 2003
- “Management of Personality Disorders”, presented at the Bench and Bar Family Law Institute on July 26, 2003
- “Special Advocate Panel: How to Stay Out of Trouble”, member of a panel at the Bench and Bar Family Law Institute on July 26, 2003
- “Testifying at an Advanced Level”, presented at a CBA CLE conference entitled “Advanced Training for Special Advocates” on September 26, 2003
- “The Management of Character Disorders in Mediation”, presented at the Lawyers Public Information Foundation conference held in San Juan, Puerto Rico on October 11, 2003
- “Developing Child Centered Parenting Time Plans”, panel presentation at the Arapahoe County Bar Association seminar entitled “Annual Family Law Update” on November 6, 2003
- “Working with Special Advocates and Parental Responsibility Evaluators”, presented at the Rocky Mountain Paralegal Association luncheon on April 20, 2004
- “The Blurring of Roles - Problems for the Bench, the Bar, and Mental Health Communities”, panel presentation at the Colorado Interdisciplinary Committee Conference on May 8, 2004
- “Proposed Allocation Legislation - Kids Come First”, panel presentation at the Illinois State Bar Association Convention in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin on June 18, 2004
- “Multicultural Competence For Divorce Professionals” presented with Marlin Burke, Esq. and Myrna Ann Adkins of the Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning on August 7, 2004
- “Tools for Working With High Conflict Situations” presented at the Ninth Judicial District Annual Special Advocate Training” in Glenwood Springs on September 17, 2004
- “Management of Character Disorders in Mediation”, panel presentation at a conference entitled “2005 Spring, Family Law: Advanced Practice”

- “CJD 04-08, Oh No! Implications of the New SA Standards” presented at the Family Law Institute with Dr. Kevin Albert on August 6, 2005
- “Your Profession, Professionalism, and Your Personal Life” presented at the Arapahoe County Bar Association Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico on April 25, 2006
- “Emotional Abuse and Its Impact on Adults, Children, and Parenting Plans” presented at the Metropolitan Denver Interdisciplinary Committee luncheon on September 5, 2006
- “When Is 50:50 Parenting Time in the Best Interest of Children?”, panel member at a conference entitled “Colorado Divorce: Best Interest of Children” held on November 3, 2006, for which I was also the conference co-director
- “Attorneys Do It Better!!! No, Mental Health Professionals Do It Better!!!”, a debate regarding who should perform the roles of a CFI, a Decision-Maker, and an Arbitrator, conducted at the Metropolitan Denver Interdisciplinary Committee luncheon on March 4, 2008
- “Strategies for Working with Difficult Clients” presented at a Virginia Bar Association conference entitled “Selecting, Representing, and Terminating the Relationship with Family Clients: Ethical Issues and Practical Advice” held on August 13, 2008, in Fairfax, Virginia
- “Domestic Relations 101: Allocation of Parental Responsibility” presented at the Colorado State Judicial Conference in Breckenridge, Colorado on September 21, 2008
- “New Judges Training in Domestic Relations” presented as a panel at the Douglas County Justice Center on February 9, 2009
- “Judicial Training: Domestic Violence” presented as a panel at the Douglas County Justice Center on March 13, 2009
- “Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse, and Parenting Plans” presented to members of the Colorado Judiciary at the Colorado Summit on Children in Keystone, Colorado on June 5, 2009
- “Judicial Training on Attachment, Child Development, Boundaries, and Tough APR Cases” presented to judicial officers at the Douglas County Courthouse on September 15, 2009, with Andrew Loizeaux, Psy.D.
- “The Impact of Divorce and Other Trauma on Attachment”, panel moderator, presented at the Family Law Institute in Steamboat Springs, Colorado on August 7, 2010

- “Brought to You By the People Who Brought You the Parental Responsibility Act – Presenting a New System of Divorce”, panel moderator, presented at the Family Law Institute in Steamboat Springs, Colorado on August 7, 2010
- “Advanced CFI Procedures”, panel moderator, presented at the Family Law Institute at the Family Law Institute in Steamboat Springs, Colorado on August 7, 2010
- “Mental Health Applied to Domestic Relations/Juvenile Cases”, panel discussion presented at the 18th Judicial Fall Continuing Legal Education conference on September 14, 2010
- “Evaluative Mediation, Steal This Process Please” presented at an MDIC luncheon on October 5, 2010
- “Change, Life’s One Constant”, presented at the Family Law Institute conference in Breckenridge on August 13, 2011
- “Presenting a New System of Divorce, the Remix”, panel discussion presented at the Family Law Institute conference in Breckenridge on August 13, 2011
- “Separating the Wheat from the Chaff in CFI/PRE Reports”, panel member, presented at the Colorado Judicial Conference at the Antlers Hilton Hotel in Colorado Springs on September 14, 2011
- “The Impact of Mental Illness on a Collaborative Process” presented at the Fifth Annual Virginia Collaborative conference in Charlottesville, Virginia on November 12, 2012
- “The Ethics of Working With and Against Experts; Obtaining Records, New Rule 45”, panel member, presented at the Arapahoe County Bar Association conference entitled “Crossroads: The Explosive Intersection of Domestic Violence in Criminal and Family Law”, March 22, 2013
- “Alienation/Treatment/Reunification”, panel member, presented at the Domestic Relations Training” for judicial officers on June 27, 2013
- “The Current State of Family Affairs in Colorado”, panel member, presented at the MDIC luncheon on June 4, 2013.
- “Perspectives on Prisoner and Pro Se Cases”, presented at the Faculty of Federal Advocates conference with Judge Boyd Boland on November 7, 2013.
- “Get Me Outa Here! Alternatives to the Courtroom”, co-presented with Steven McBride, Esq. at the Family Law Section luncheon on November 15, 2013.

“Management of the Difficult Client”, presented on September 24, 2014, in Springfield, Virginia at the Virginia Trial Lawyers conference on “Mental Health Issues in Custody or Visitation Disputes”.

“Managing Difficult Clients and Their Expectations”, panel member, presented at the Faculty of Federal Advocates conference for civil attorneys on November 14, 2014.

“Name That Personality Disorder”, presented with Ron Litvak, Esq. at the Advanced Family Law Seminar of the Colorado chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers” on December 5, 2014.

“Perspective on Prisoners of Pro Se Cases”, presented at the Faculty of Federal Advocates conference for criminal attorneys on December 5, 2014.

MEDICAL LICENSURE

Diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners, 1974

Medical license: State of Colorado, April 1974

Diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, June 1979

AWARDS

August of 1998: Family Law Institute Award for initiating the Parental Responsibility Act.

June of 2013: President’s Award from the Metropolitan Denver Interdisciplinary Committee for outstanding professional service to the field of domestic relations.

PUBLICATIONS

"Individual Psychotherapy of the Resistive Perpetrator of Incest", Therapeutic and Systems Considerations for the Child and Family, Colorado Department of Social Services, 1983

"The Child Custody Evaluation: Purpose, Process and Participants", Seventh Annual Child Custody Conference Manual, 1982

"Psychiatry" August 1992 - August 1993, "Health Care Reform" August 1993-December 1993 columns appearing monthly in The Denver Medical Journal

"Healing the Personal Injury Process", Behavioral Health Today, Summer 1992

"Post Trauma Care or Evaluation: Is the System Traumatizing the Patient?", a commentary published in The Care Network, Fall of 1992

- "Burdened Camel or Cracked Egg?", Post Trauma Update, Winter 1993
- "Therapeutic Mediation", published in "Imagine, An Idea Book for Child Custody Professionals", October 1994
- "Synchronized Divorce", published in "Imagine, An Idea Book for Child Custody Professionals", October 1994
- "Warriors at War: When Mental Health Professionals Divorce", published in "Imagine, An Idea Book for Child Custody Professionals", October 1994
- "Making Child Custody Decisions from the Bench: The Guide", published for judges by the Colorado Judicial Department, September 1995
- "Successful Divorce", published in The Divorce Dilemma, 19th Annual Child Custody Conference, September 1995
- "Elimination of 'Custody' in Colorado: The Impact of H.B. 1183", co-authored with A. Elizabeth Henson, Christopher L. Hardaway, and Albert M. Bonin, published in The Colorado Lawyer, September 1998, and West Law
- "Working Together Under the New Law", an article written for the 22nd Annual Child Custody Conference held in Beaver Creek on September 25-27, 1998.
- "How to Explain the New Parental Responsibility Law to Clients", co-authored with A. Elizabeth Henson, Christopher L. Hardaway, and Albert M. Bonin, published in The Colorado Lawyer, October 1998, and West Law
- "The Role of Occupational Physicians in Family Law", co-authored with Anne Hazelton, M.D., published in The Colorado Lawyer, June 2001, and West Law
- "Spotting Mental Illness and Arranging Treatment", handed out at the Ninth Judicial Bar Association Special Advocate Training held in Glenwood Springs on June 29, 2001
- "The Psychology of Changing the Deal", published in September 2001 by Continuing Legal Education in Family Law Institute: Breckenridge 2001
- "Histrionic, Narcissistic, and Obsessive-Compulsive Personality Disorders: You'll Know Them When You See Them (Maybe)" co-authored with Joan H. McWilliams, Esq. and Ronald D. Litvak, Esq. and presented at the Lawyers Public Information Foundation at the Tides Inn, North Carolina during October of 2002
- "Re-Assessing the Use of Special Advocates, A Legal and Mental Health Perspective", co-authored with Albert M. Bonin, Esq., published in the newsletters of the Colorado State Interdisciplinary Committee, the CBA Family Law Section, the

First Judicial Bar Association, and the Colorado Association of Legal Support Staff during early 2003

“Strategies for Working With the Difficult Client, Part Two”, co-authored with Joan McWilliams, Esq. and distributed at the Attorney-Mediator Dialogue on April 18, 2003

“The Management of Character Disorders in Mediation”, co-authored with Joan McWilliams, Esq., presented at the Lawyers Public Information Foundation conference held in San Juan, Puerto Rico on October 11, 2003, and at the Family Law Advanced Practice seminar held on April 22, 2005

“CJD 04-08, Oh No! Implications of the New SA Standards” presented at the Family Law Institute with Dr. Kevin Albert on August 6, 2005

“Understanding High Conflict Divorce” published in “Divorce in Denver” in their September/October 2005 issue

“Self Esteem: The Root of (Almost) All Conflict”. published in “Divorce in Denver” in their July/August 2006 issue

“Managing Client Crises in Divorce” presented at the Virginia Bar Association conference entitled “Selecting, Representing, and Terminating the Relationship with Family Clients: Ethical Issues and Practical Advice” held on August 13, 2008, in Fairfax, Virginia

“Strategies for Working with the Difficult Client” presented at the Virginia Bar Association conference entitled “Selecting, Representing, and Terminating the Relationship with Family Clients: Ethical Issues and Practical Advice” held on August 13, 2008, in Fairfax, Virginia

“The Angry Client: Keeping Your Staff and Yourself Safe”, published by the American Bar Association Section of Family Law in the Family Advocate, Volume 34, No. 4 during the spring of 2012. Re-published in a condensed form in “GP Solo”, a publication of the American Bar Association, containing articles of greatest interest to their members, during June of 2013

Advocates for Children: The CLF, CFI, and PRE in Colorado: a book chapter co-authored with Wendell Osorno, Ph.D. entitled “Investigating Mental Illness and Its Impact on Parenting” published in 2012

“The Management of Personality Disorders in a Collaborative Process” presented at the Fifth Annual Virginia Collaborative Professionals conference in Charlottesville, Virginia on November 12, 2012

“Management of the Difficult Client” presented at the Virginia Trial Lawyers conference in Springfield, Virginia on September 24, 2014.

SUBSPECIALTY: FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY

While working at the Colorado State Hospital, I became interested in performing evaluations for the criminal justice system. I have performed criminal evaluations ever since, albeit on a less frequent basis than I did initially.

During November of 1976 and for the next five years, I served as a consultant to the Denver Department of Social Services, evaluating people who had been accused of physical abuse, sexual abuse, and/or neglecting their children. My work in this area has continued albeit on a less frequent basis.

During 1979, I served on the Governor's Subcommittee on Insanity and Competency Laws and performed evaluations of inmates in the maximum security division of the Colorado State Penitentiary at the request of Federal Judge John Kane.

During 1981, I co-founded and became the Clinical Coordinator of Colorado Custody and Mediation Services, a multidisciplinary group of mental health professionals who performed custody and parenting time evaluations together until 1997.

From 1984 until 1990, I evaluated attorneys at the request of the Disciplinary Prosecutor's Office of the Colorado Supreme Court. I have continued to evaluate attorneys privately.

From 1990 until 2001, I evaluated physicians at the request of the Colorado State Board of Medical Examiners, nurses for the Colorado Board of Nursing, and chiropractors for the Colorado Board of Chiropractors.

From January 1992 until September 1993, I served as the Medical Director of the P/SL Post Trauma Center. I led the development and operational maintenance of a multidisciplinary, multispecialty team of health care professionals who evaluated and treated patients who had been injured physically and psychologically.

During 1995 and 1996, I served as a member of the Colorado Bar Association's Grievance Policy Committee on Sexual Misconduct.

From March of 1995 until September of 1998, I served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Denver Interdisciplinary Child Custody Committee.

During March of 1997, two attorney mediators and I initiated a legislative process that resulted in the Parental Responsibility Act which eliminated the designations of sole and joint custody from the law and replaced them with the concept of parental responsibility.

From May of 1997 until October of 1998, I served as a member of the Child Custody Evaluation Committee of the Family Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association.

From May of 2002 until September of 2003, I served as a member of the Committee on Domestic Relations Advocacy, a Colorado Supreme Court ad hoc committee established for the purpose of redefining the ethical standards of domestic relations attorneys.

For most of the past 15 years, I have served as a member of the Planning Committee of the annual conference developed by the Family Law Institute, the Family Law Section of the Colorado Bar Association, and the Metropolitan Denver Interdisciplinary Committee.

Since June of 2007, I have served as a member of the CBA FLS Task Force on Unified Family Courts.

My work in forensic psychiatry has led to my qualification as an expert witness in various locations throughout the state, including the Denver metropolitan area, Aspen, Glenwood Springs, Vail, Steamboat Springs, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Montrose, Georgetown, Grand Junction, Fort Collins, and Delta. I have also been qualified as an expert witness in South Dakota. I have testified over 200 times in various courts (state and federal, civil and criminal) and have performed over 1200 forensic evaluations.

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Psychiatric practice: I spend approximately 25 per cent of my time treating adults and adolescents on an outpatient basis, working with them as individuals, couples, and families.

Forensic work: I spend the other 75 per cent of my time performing parental responsibility evaluations, Rule 35 evaluations (including Sorenson evaluations), and forensic evaluations in the areas of personal injury, probate, malpractice, employment, and criminal law. In the area of domestic relations, I provide psychiatric consultation and serve as a mediator, mediator/arbitrator, parenting coach, and parenting coordinator/decision-maker.

I have been qualified as an expert witness in the areas of family law, personal injury, employment law, probate law, criminal law, and professional standards of care.