

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **EDUCATION**

- 2001**      **Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology** (conferred October 22, 2001)  
North Central University, Magna Cum Laude  
Prescott, Arizona
- 1991**      **Juris Doctor**  
University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law  
Sacramento, California
- 1989**      **Master of Social Work**  
California State University, Sacramento  
Concentration: Mental Health, Adults and Children  
G.P.A. 3.87
- 1986**      **Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, *emphasis Brain Physiology***  
University of California, Davis, Regents Scholar  
G.P.A. 3.92, Highest Honors, Magna Cum Laude

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- 2007**      •Who's Who Among Executive and Professional Women, Honors Edition.
- 1996**      •Who's Who Among Professionals and Executives for 1996
- 1989**      •Recipient, William D. James Foundation Scholarship, McGeorge School of Law  
•Who's Who Among Law Students  
•Recipient, Graduate Fellowship, California State University, Sacramento

- 1985
- Phi Kappi Phi
  - Regents Scholar at University of California, Davis
  - Psi Chi National Honor Society in Psychology
  - Golden Key National Honor Society
- 1984
- Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges
  - Recipient, William D. James Foundation Scholarship, California State University, Sacramento

### **PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS**

**Licensure:** Licensed Clinical Social Worker in the State of California, Board of Behavioral Science Examiners, License LCS 16216

**Board Certified Diplomate in Clinical Social Work** by the American Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work, 1994

**Sacramento Superior and Municipal Courts;** Sacramento County, Private Mediation Panel Member and FC 3111 Evaluator for Sacramento and El Dorado Counties; Special Master for Sacramento County

**Shared Parenting Support Program Therapist;** Sacramento Superior Court List.

This Panel consists of trained therapists who provide co-parenting to parents post child custody decree, confidential

**Co-Parenting Therapist and Parent-Child Guidance Therapist**

**Special Master;** Sacramento Superior Court, Family Law Section, Appointed Special Master, 1996 - present

**Association for Conflict Resolution, Advanced Practitioner Mediator of the Family Section 2006-2008.**

**Association of Conciliatory Courts, 1994-present.**

### **PUBLICATIONS:**

1. Burrill, J. Parental Alienation Syndrome in Court Referred Custody Cases, 2002, Dissertation.Com.
2. Burrill, J. Descriptive Statistics of the Mild, Moderate and Severe Categories of Parental Alienation Syndrome; Reluctance to Verify PAS as a Legitimate Syndrome and the Reasons for the Reluctance, The International Handbook of Parental Alienation Syndrome: Conceptual, Clinical and Legal Considerations, Charles C. Thomas, Publisher: Illinois, 2006. Contributing author of the above three chapters.

### **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS, ADVANCED TRAINING, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

- American College of Forensic Psychology, Associate Member, 2007
- America's Top Mental Health Professionals, 2006
- Biltmore Who's Who for the 2007 Registry of Executives and Professionals

- American Psychological Association; Division 12, Society of Clinical Psychology; and Division 43, Family Law.
- Member of California Chapter of Psychology
- Past Co-Chair and Chair of the Sacramento Private Mediators Panel for the Sacramento County Superior Courts
- Liaison for the Sacramento County Private Mediators for the Custody Subcommittee of the Sacramento Family Law Section, two terms of two years.
- Past National Chair, Family Practice Therapists, National Association of Social Workers
- Academy of Certified Social Workers, National Association of Social Workers
- Fellow in California Society of Clinical Social Workers
- Family Therapy Practice Academy, NASW, 1995
- Academy of Family Mediators, Practitioner, 1996-present
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts; Member of the National Child Custody Committee
- American Psychological Association, Member of Division of Family Psychology
- Association for Conflict Resolution –Advanced Practitioner Mediator of the Family Section
- California Psychological Association

### **ADVANCED TRAINING**

- Legal Issues Potpourri, presented by Richard A. Leslie, J.D. for CAMFT, March 14, 2008, 2 CEU hours.
- From Ideology to Inclusion: Evidence-Based Policy and Intervention in Domestic Violence, presented by the California Alliance for Families and Children and the Family Violence Treatment & Education Association, February 15-16, 2008, 16 CEU hours; 12 hours Advanced Domestic Violence Training Credits and 4 hours of Domestic Violence Update Training per California Rules of Court, rule 5.230 (d)(2).
- Sacramento Superior Court Volunteer Mediation Training, presented by the Sacramento County Superior Court Family Law Bench/Bar Mediation Committee in association with Finding Common Ground Mediation and Law Services, February 8, 2008, 4 CEU hours.
- Risk and Resilience in Child Development: Perspectives from Attachment and Trauma Research in Regional Community and Family Settings, presented by the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine, February 2, 2008, 7 CEU hours.
- Mind Your Business: The Business Aspects of Psychotherapy – Legal and Ethical Issues; Answers for Self-Assessment Test in Law and Ethics, presented by Richard S. Leslie, J.D. for CAMFT, January 31, 2008, 2 CEU hours.
- HIPAA, the “Privacy Rule,” and You, presented by CAMFT, November 13, 2007, 2 CEU hours.
- 2007 Family Dispute Resolution: Capitol Region Regional Training, Gang Violence Passive Violence, 6 CEU units, Friday, November 9, 2007.
- Patient Records -Legal and Ethical Considerations, presented by CAMFT, September 27, 2007, 2 CEU hours.

- Are All Dual Relationships Unethical?, presented by CAMFT, July 31, 2007, 2 CEU hours.
- Dealing with the Subpoena, CAMFT, 2 CEU units, May 23, 2007.
- Pharmacodynamics of Atypical Anti-Psychotics: Sedation versus Efficacy, presented by John M. Kane, M.D. and Zafar Sharif, M.D., May 15, 2007, 1 CEU hour.
- Law and Ethics Update, Psycho-Legal Associates, Inc., presented by Steven Frankel, Ph.D., J.D., ABPP, March 16, 2007, 6 CEU hours.
- Ages and Time Frames – Legal and Ethical Issues, presented by CAMFT, March 20, 2007, 2 CEU hours.
- Family Therapy and Custody Disputes – Legal Issues, presented by CAMFT, March 16, 2007, 2 CEU hours.
- Finding Common Ground Mediation and Law Services, February 2, 2007, 3.75 CEU hours.
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts: Cutting Edge Issues: Multi-Disciplinary Dilemmas and Solutions, dated February 9-11, 2007;
  - The Adjustment of Children – Separation and Divorce
  - What’s Wrong with Children’s Rights?
  - The Presumption for Equal Parenting Time
  - Domestic Violence: Recent Research and Implications for Custody, Access and Parenting Plans
  - Mediation Update: Recent Contributions to Theory and Practice
  - Children – ESE, Part II, What Do We Do With Children’s Preferences
  - Uses and Abuses of Domestic Violence Restraining Orders
  - The Presumption for Equal Parenting Time
- Sacramento Superior Court Volunteer Mediation Training; Finding Common Ground Mediation and Law Services, February 2, 2007, 3.75 CEU hours.
- Handling Personality Disorders in Family Law Cases, Administrative Office of the Courts, November 17, 2006, 6 CEU hours.
- Interviewing Children, Psycho-Legal Associates, Inc., Lyn R. Greenberg, Ph.D., June 16, 2006, 6 CEU hours.
- Law and Ethics, sponsored by CAMFT, April 14, 2006, 2 CEU hours.
- Attachment Disorders, presented by Janis A. DiCiacco, Ph.D., sponsored by CMI Education Institute Inc., February 16-17, 2006, Sacramento, California, 12 CEU hours.
- 12-Hour Child Custody Update, Matthew Sullivan, Ph.D., dated February 4, 2006, Psycho-Legal Associates, Inc., 12 CEU hours.
- Court Volunteer Mediator Training, Sacramento County Mediation Committee, February 3, 2006, 4 CEU hours.
- Child Abuse Reporting, CAMFT, dated January 31, 2006, 2 hours.
- Association for Advanced Training approved by the American Psychological Association; Continuing Education, April 14 – 17, 2005, 32 CEUs; A.A.T.B.S
- Healing Attachment Trauma: From Theory to Therapy, Mary Main, PhD; Erik Hesse, PhD; Robert Neborsky, M.D., dated October 21, 2005 14 hours; 14 CEU hours.
- The Dangerous Patient and the Therapist’s Duty, by Richard S. Leslie, J.D., in collaboration with CAMFT, dated October 13, 2005, 2 CEU hours.

- Understanding and Treating Bi-Polar Disorder, by John Preston, Psy.D., September 24, 2005, 3 CEU hours.
- Spousal/Partner Abuse, from Continuing Psychology Education, May 24, 2005, 7 CEU hours.
- 12-Hour Child Custody Update Training for California Court Rules 5.225 & 5.230, February 18, 19, 2005, Joan B. Kelly, Ph.D, 12 CEUS, Psycho-Legal Associate, Inc.
- Personality Disorders, II: Advanced Course, Cross Country University, Dr. Lester, June 30, 2004, 6 CEU hours.
- Aging and Long Term Care, Max E. Fuhrmann, Ph.D., Psycho-Legal Education, June 6, 2004, 6 CEU.
- 12-Hour Child Custody Update Training for California Court Rules 5.225 & 5.230, February 28, 29, 2004, Stephen Doyne, Ph. D., J.D., 12 CEU hours, Psycho-Legal Associate, Inc.,
- Ethics and the Law, February 20, 2004, A. Steven Frankel, Ph.D., J.D., ABPP, 6 CEU hours, Psycho-Legal Associates, Inc.
- Collaborative Negotiation, May 2003, 8 CEU hours.
- Third Psychologists/Family Law Conference, March 15, 2003, Multi-Disciplinary Conference on Current Custody Issues.
- 20 Hour Child Custody Training Including Domestic Violence and Child Sexual Abuse Assessment; Divorce Mediation and Parental Alienation; Psychological Testing and Expert Testimony, February 15-17, 2003, 20 CEU hours, completed (40 Hour Child Custody Training for Rule 1257.4)
- Domestic Violence Workshop, Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment, Sacramento Valley Psychological Association - Forensic Division, October 11, 2002, 4.0 CEU's.
- 20 Hour Child Custody Training for Rule 1257.4, August 9-11, 2002
- AFCC-Annual Conference, June 5, 2002 - June 8, 2002
  - Resiliency in Children of Divorce, June 5, 2002
  - Alienation, Undermining and Obstruction: A Field Guide for Professionals, June 6, 2002
  - Including Play Therapy Techniques in Child Custody Evaluations, June 6, 2002
  - Building Resilience in Alienated Children, June 6, 2002.
  - Addressing Allegations of Domestic Violence: What Judges and Lawyers Need to Know, June 6, 2002.
  - Mental Health Diagnoses of Parents: Issues for Judges and Lawyers, June 7, 2002.
  - Is Love More Wonderful the Second Time Around? A Stepfamily Primer for Professionals, June 7, 2002.
  - Domestic Violence, Children and Safe Post-Separation Contact, June 8, 2002.
  - Developing Appropriate Custody and Parenting Arrangements: Using Child-Development and Divorce Research in Mediation and Evaluation, Joan Kelly, Ph.D., May 9, 2002.
- Personality Disorders in Social Work & Health Care, February 19, 2002, 6 CEU hours.
- AFCC - Three Models of Intervention, February 9, 2002, 4.5 CEU hours.
- Interdisciplinary Collaboration for Supervised Visitation,

February 9, 2002, 2.0 CEU hours.

- Plenary Attachment and Trauma, February 9, 2002, 3.5 CEU hours.
- Volunteer Mediator Training, presented by the Family Law Bench/Bar, January 7, 2002, 3.75 CEU hours.
- Domestic Violence/Divorce Violence, presented by the Sacramento Valley Psychological Association, September 14, 2001, four (4) CEU hours.
- California State University, Chico, May 21, 2000, 8 hours of continuing education: 4.0 hours domestic violence training for court-appointed child custody evaluators and investigators.
- Regional Focus Group for Judicial Council of California, September 8, 2000.
- Hidden Disorders of Children and Adolescents: Anxiety, Depression, Adult ADHD, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder and Bipolar Disorder Current Research and Practice, 16 CEU hours November 9, November 10, 2000.
- Child Abuse and Neglect, 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, 16.5 CEU hours, May 2000.
- Interdisciplinary Work with Collaborative Lawyers, 7 CEU hours, May 22, 2003,
- Avoiding the Pitfalls in Assisting Clients Involved in Family Law and Child Custody Litigation:

- Courses Attended:**
- Interviewing Children Who Have Been Sexually Abused: Forensic and Clinical Prospective.
  - Responding To The Defense Attorney In The Courtroom
  - Parent Child Interaction: Enhancing Parents/Child's Relationships.
  - Medical Evaluation of the Sexually Abused Child: Extragenital Injuries.
  - A Case of Suspected Sexual Abuse of a 13 Year Old Girl
  - The Impact of Physical Abuse and Neglect on Child Development.
  - Time Out New Approaches to Child Custody Conflicts, Vivian Roseby, Ph.D., Susan Fossum, Ph.D., Janet Johnston, Ph.D., Joan Kelly, Ph.D., Matthew Sullivan, Ph.D., U.C. Davis, California, September 2000.
  - High Conflict Child Custody and Trauma Experienced by Children, Vivian Roseby, Ph.D., Janet Johnston, Ph.D., Marin, California, March, 2000.
  - In the Name of the Child: Helping Children in Highly Conflicted & Violent Divorcing Families, UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, California, February 25, 2000.
  - Families, Courts and Communities: Collaboration for the 21st Century, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Vancouver, British Columbia, June 2-5, 1999.

- Courses Attended:**
- Advanced Mediation Practice: Overcoming the Obstacles
  - Services for Never-Married Parents.
  - Allegations of Domestic Violence in Custody and Access Disputes.
  - The Parenting Plan Evaluation: Matching Parenting Capacity to Children's Needs.

- Assessment of Mobility/Move Away Cases:
- Consideration of Attachment and Development Issues
- Parental Alienation
- Conducting Children's Trauma Groups, March 24, 2000.
- Family Law, National University, September 18, 1999.
- Clinical Case Management presented by Catherine Campbell, LCSW, May 22, 1999.
- Child Custody Evaluations presented by Dr. Philip Stahl, September 11-12, 1998.
- Detection and Treatment of Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency, The Professional School of Psychology, August 22, 1998.
- Domestic Violence Training for Child Custody Evaluators, California School of Professional Psychology, April 17- 18, 1998.
- Children & Divorce (Understanding Child Emotional Needs), National University, September 6, 1997.
- HIV/AIDS & Mental Health: Social Work Practice Issues, National Association of Social Workers, December 6, 1997, 7 hours.
- Parental Alienation in Post-Divorce Parent-Child Relationships, Northern California Mediation Center, December 5, 1997.
- Best Interests of the Child: Attorneys and Psychologists Working Together, keynote address by the Honorable Judge Kobayashi, co-sponsored by the Family Law Section, Sacramento County Bar Association and the Sacramento Valley Psychological Association, October 18, 1997.
- Emotional Reactions to Life Threatening Illness, presented by Dr. David H. Lehman, M.D., Sutter Center for Psychiatry, October 15, 1997.
- Children and Divorce: Understanding Children's Emotional Needs, presented by Janet Johnston, Ph.D., sponsored by National University & Bartholomew, Wasznicky & Molinaro, September 6, 1997.
- Second World Congress on Family Law and the Rights of Children & Youth, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, San Francisco, California, June 2-7, 1999.

**Courses :**

- Factoring Family Violence into the "Best Interest of the Child."
- Impact of Domestic Violence on Children: Intervention and Policy Considerations.
- Fatherhood: Emerging Roles and Expectations.
- Divorce Education Programs: An International Showcase
- Substance Abuse and Parenting: Forensic Assessment and Judicial Decision-Making.
- Meeting the Best Interests of the Child or Achieving Equity for Parents?
- Custody Disputes Between the Psychological Parent and Psychologically Healthier Parent.
- Parental Alienation.
- Identification and Intervention for Adolescents with Drug Problems, Sutter Center for Psychiatry, May 21, 1997.
- Special Master Orientation, The Family Law Section of the Sacramento County Bar Association, March 15, 1997, presented by Judge Michael Ullman, Jerilyn

Borack, Thomas Russell, Mary Ann Frank Ph.D.

- Using, Deposing and Cross-Examining Experts, The Family Law Section of the Sacramento County Bar Association, November 23, 1996.
- Second Training Conference for Special Masters, Co-Sponsored by: Santa Clara County Psychological Association November 16, 1996, Palo Alto, CA., High Conflict Cases; Parental Alienation; Nuts and Bolts of Special Masters.
- Recent Developments in Child Assessment and Psychotherapy, Dr. Richard Gardner, 17th Cape Code Institute sponsored by the Department of Psychiatry, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Cape Code, Mass., August 5-9, 1996:
- Child Custody Litigation: The best interests of the child presumption; joint custodial concept; parental alienation syndrome: etiology, manifestations and treatment of the three types; prevention of parental alienation syndrome.
- Differentiating between True and False Sex Abuse Accusations; causes of the epidemic of false sex abuse accusations, criteria for differentiating between true and false sex-abuse allegations; interview techniques with the child, accuser, and the alleged offender.
- The Mutual Storytelling technique: its use in assessment and treatment.
- The Antisocial Child: Psychodynamics and Psychotherapy.
- Children's Post-divorce Adjustment: Research Updates and Implications, Joan Kelly, Ph.D., Sacramento Valley Psychological Association, 7 hours, May 18, 1996.
- Child Custody Litigation and Mediation in California, National Business Institute; Charlotte Keeley and Diane Wasznicky, May 16, 1996.
- Shorter Term Treatment of Borderline Personality Disorders, Mental Health Association, by Dr. John Preston, May 3, 1996, 7 CEU hours.
- Advanced Special Masters Seminar, Northern California Mediation Center, Joan Kelly Ph.D., April 26, 1996.
- Best Interest: Special Issues for Children & Families, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, San Antonio, Texas, May 8-11, 1996.

- Courses:**
- Mediation Orientation presented by Judge Borack and Charlotte Keeley at Sacramento Superior Court, 2 CEU hours.
  - Advanced Applications in Custody Evaluations, 8 CEU hours.
  - Domestic Violence: Alternatives and Prevention Techniques.
  - Complex Custody Evaluations: Contrasting and Combining Two Approaches for Resolution.
  - Family Mediation Styles: How Much Variation is Acceptable.
  - Move Away Cases: An Interdisciplinary Analysis.
  - Dealing with Parental Alienation in High Conflict Custody Cases.
  - Special Masters.
  - The Shattered Dreams of Children.
  - Working with Angry and Hostile Clients
  - Fundamentals of Family Law for Mediators, Northern California Mediation Center,



- March 1996, 8 CEU hours, Nancy Foster, J.D., Joan Kelly, Ph.D.
- Mediation in Sacramento, Ca. Society for Clinical Social Workers, 1996, Tom Russell, Diane Mayo, Jerilyn Borack.
  - Interviewing Children in Mediation, Advanced Mediation Seminar, Northern California Mediation Center, 8 CEU hours, 1995, Joan Kelly Ph.D.
  - Child Development and Parenting Issues for Mediators and Special Masters, Northern California Mediation Center, 1995, 8 CEU hours, Joan Kelly, Ph.D.
  - Substance Abuse, UCD, by Jerome Lackner, M.D., 1 CEU hour, 1995.
  - Shared Parenting Support Group by Dr. Doral Frank Leek, 1995, Court List, Certified Shared Parenting Therapists.
  - A Guide to Family Law for Mental Health Professionals: An Overview of Divorce; Divorce Mediation; Child Custody in California by Bartholomew & Wasznicky, 1995.
  - Parental Alienation: Assessing and Treating Coercion of Children During Divorce and Custody Disputes by Dr. Larry Nichols, Professional School of Psychology, 1994.
  - Neurobiological Aspects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Borderline Disorders - Treatment Indications, Sutter Center for Psychiatry, 1994
  - Treating the Healers, Sutter Center for Psychiatry, Larry Otterness, M.D., 1994
  - Advanced Training of Mood Disorders in Adults, Children, and the Elderly, Sacramento Mental Health Association, 1994.
  - Update on Anti-Depressants, Sutter Center for Psychiatry, by Dr. Stephen Ericksen, 1994, 1 CEU.
  - Psychopharmacology and Depression, Dr. John Preston, 1994, 6 CEU hours.
  - Conflict Resolution Training, Sacramento Mediation Center Certificate of Completion of 40 hours training, 1993.
  - Depression and Adults, Sacramento Mental Health Association, 3-day conference, 1993.
  - Attention Deficit Disorder in Children, Sutter Center for Psychiatry, 1992.
  - Marital Therapy: New Ideas in Therapy with Couples, Marital Research Institute, Palo Alto, 1991.

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- Sacramento Valley Chapter, California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, Member 2007
- California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, Member
- American College of Forensic Psychology, Member, 2007
- Association for Dispute Resolution of Northern California, Advanced Mediator
- Sacramento Collaborative Practice Group, Member
- American Psychological Association, Registered Status
- Board Certified Diplomate (NASW), since 1995.
- Sacramento County Bar Association, Associate Member
- National Association of Social Workers
- Fellow in California Society for Clinical Social Workers
- Family Therapy Practice Academy
- Academy of Certified Social Workers, NASW

- American Association of University Women
- Academy of Family Mediators
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts; Member of National Child Custody Evaluation Committee
- Custody Discussion Group, Bartholomew & Wasznicky, Sacramento
- Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society
- Psi Chi National Honor Society
- Association for Conflict Resolution
- Society of Clinical Psychology--American Psychological Association
- California Psychology Chapter, Division 37, Family Law Division
- American Psychological Association, Division 12, Clinical Psychology

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Termination of Guardianship, May 10, 2007, 3 hrs., for the California Association of Superior Court Investigations, Superior Court of California, County of El Dorado Court Investigation Unit. Presentation on interviewing children at risk for placement out of foster care/other caregivers into their home or origin. MaryAnn Frank, Ph.D., Co-parenting-Presenter.
- Presentation to the Custody Discussion Group, Update on Parental Alienation Syndrome, May 18, 2005.
- Father's Symposium, February 8, 1997, Guest Lecturer: Child Development and the Role of the Fathers and Co-Parenting.
- Guest speaker at the 27th Annual California Society for Clinical Social Workers on Child Custody Mediation, November 1996. My presentation included: What is child custody mediation and what is the role of the mediator, understanding child development and the attachment process to determine the *Best Interests of the Child*, Co-parenting, and Special Masters, November 9, 1996, San Francisco, CA.
- Guest lecturer for Northern California Chapter of Case Management Society of America, Culturally Competent and Case Management Practice, October 1996.
- Testified as expert for Senate Judiciary and Family Law Subcommittee in regard to the Best Interests of Children, July 1996.
- Taught MCLE course on Recognizing Substance Abuse and Dual Diagnosis, 1995.
- Presentation on Child Abuse Criteria, Law and the Indicators for Assessing Child Abuse; Sutter General Hospital, 1993.
- Consultant to clinical social workers at Sutter General Hospital in the area of Personality Disorders and Diagnosis of Mood Disorders in Hospitalized patients, 1992-1995.
- Consultant to Emergency Room staff at Sutter General Hospital for child abuse, substance abuse, domestic violence, and major mental illnesses, 1992-95
- The Development of the Psychopathic Personality and the Relationship of Childhood Traumatic Experiences; article for Nevada Supreme Court Justice Springer, 1990
- Borderline Personality Disorder: A Case Study and the Issue of Early Childhood Abandonment by Primary Caretakers, Thesis (1999); published.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**1989-Present:** Mental health practitioner specializing in children, adults, family and couples psychotherapy, and child custody mediation and FC 3111. Parenting plans are formulated by parental mutual agreement. If there is a court appointment and no agreement is reached, a recommendation to the court is made using The Best Interests of Children Standard. Specialty areas include: mental health, (Axis I and Axis II), child abuse, infants and young children, substance abuse, domestic violence, parental estrangement, and special needs. My background in science, experience as a medical social worker and nursing school provide additional understanding for the special needs of children and medical issues which can affect children and parents. Advanced clinician in the area of substance abuse, child abuse, domestic violence, and severe psychopathologies. Psychosocial theoretical orientation coupled with Object Relations developmental theory of personality development; cognitive-behavioral therapy is used adjunctively. **Particular areas of clinical emphasis: Mental health issues, (Axis I and Axis II), Mood disorders in children and adults, and personality disorders in both children and adults. Child custody evaluations/parental access, child therapist, co-parent education, parent-child guidance and parenting education, Special Master, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and Consultation.**

- **Expert Witness in child custody (Family Law Court), civil cases, criminal cases, and workers' compensation cases.**
- **Testified before Family Law Subcommittee and Senate Judiciary in July 1996:**  
Testimony in regard to The Best Interests of Children.

**1992-94: Sutter General Hospital:** Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Crisis intervention and brief therapy in an emergency medical setting. Sole clinician responsible for the Emergency Room as well as other hospital units during my shift. Consultant to physicians and nurses in all child abuse, domestic violence, rape, and traumatic death cases, terminal and serious illnesses, elder abuse, substance abuse, termination of life support in addition to conducting psychosocial assessments for all patient referrals.. Member of the Sutter Center for Psychiatric Emergency Team and certified to assess and write 5150 applications if patient is a danger to self, others or gravely disabled. Psychosocial assessments and referrals for patients diagnosed with AIDS, orthopedic problems, Conservatorships, and other hospital referrals.

**1989-90: Community Legal Services:** Registered Student Attorney in the Family Law Section. Handled legal cases involving dissolution, custody disputes, and visitation rights of parents. Appeared in Family Law Court.

**1987: Sacramento County District Attorney's Office:** Legal Intern: Aide to Assistant District Attorney. Sacramento, California. Offered position as an Assistant District Attorney upon graduation. Decision was made to remain in the field of mental health.

**1987: Community Psychiatric Center, American River Hospital, Social Work Intern:** Psychosocial assessments, group therapy, DSM-III-R multi-axis diagnosis, and counseling patients in a free-standing, in-patient psychiatric hospital.

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