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Forensic Work

Highly experienced clinical psychologist with winning record of testimony, depositions, and psychological evaluations. Very effective communicator. Consults on a broad range of psychiatric and psychological issues including neuropsychological deficits in personal injury, post-traumatic stress, post concussive syndrome, medical malpractice, mental competence, appropriateness/limitations of neuropsychological tests. Qualitative assessment of cognitive and mental impairments through effective testing and dynamic clinical evaluation. Forensic evaluations for psychologically traumatized patients of all ages. Assists attorneys in formulating questions for deposition and trial relative to field of expertise. Expert witness for Plaintiff and Defense. Served as expert in several high profile cases. Literature/record review.

(See additional fields of expertise on www.jurispro.com under Expert Witnesses)

Recent Cases and Court Appearances

Hefti vs. Preferred Aerial & Crane Technology, Inc

Attorney: Ezra Siegel, Raffalow, Rhoads & Bretoi
Appearing for: Defendant
Disposition: Trial Pending

Galvan v. Enterprise

Attorney: Law Offices of Brian Brandt
Appearing for: Plaintiff
Disposition: Pending

Mason v Gross

Attorney: John Zucconi, Esq.
Law Office of Olins & Zucconi San Diego
Appearing for: Plaintiff
Disposition: Pending

Wilson v Doe

Attorney: Law Offices of David Fox
Appearing for: Plaintiff
Disposition: Pending

Locke v Crowne Plaza

Attorney: Deon Goldschmidt Esq. San Diego
Appearing for: Plaintiff
Disposition: Pending

Moore v USA

Attorney: Gomez Law Firm, San Diego
Appearing for: Plaintiff
Disposition: Trial Pending

Nguyen v LAPD

Attorney: Bautre Crochetierre & Gilford LLP
Appearing for: Plaintiff
Disposition: Trial Pending

Strutzenberg v Storm

Attorney: Cummins & White
Appearing for: Defendant
Disposition: Settled 11/10/15

Cadena v Project Life

Attorney: Daley & Heft
Appearing for: Defense
Appearance: Pending

Mattox v Nevada HAND

Attorney: Skane Wilcox LLP, Las Vegas
Appearing for: Defendant
Disposition: Settled

Blevens Reilly v Westview Condominiums et al

Attorney: Gomez Law Firm, San Diego
Appearing for: Plaintiffs
Appearance: Pending

Legg v Thibiant Int.

Attorney: Aitken Aitken & Cohn
Appearing for: Plaintiff
Disposition: Settled

Ross & Shabaan v OC Sanitation District

Attorneys: Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart
Appearing for: Defense
Disposition: Settled

Belnap v Boy Scouts of America

Attorney: White, Oliver & Amundson, A.P.C.
Appearing for: Defendant
Disposition: Settled

Barber v Special Operation Training Groups et al

Attorney: Gomez Law Firm, San Diego
Appearing for: Plaintiffs
Disposition: Pending

Boccanegra v City of Palm Springs

Attorneys: Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart
Appearing for: Defense
Deposition: August 2015

Morales v City of Newport Beach

Attorney: Aitken Aitken & Cohn
Appearing for: Plaintiff
Appearance: By video May 7th 2015
Disposition: Deposition & Trial April 18th 2016

SK Doe v. San Diego Unified School District

Attorney: Daley & Heft
Appearing for: Defense
Appearance: Pending

*Two minors **** & *** v FedEx*

Attorney: Baum Hedlund Aristei Goldman PC
Appearing for: Plaintiffs
Disposition: Pending
Deposition: Pending

Thomas v Casa Colina Centers

Attorney: Watten Discoe, Bassett & McMains
Appearing for: Defendant
Disposition: Pending

Adcock v Rafferty

Attorney: Hall Jaffe Clayton, Las Vegas
Appearing for: Defendant
Deposition: April 9th 2015, Disposition: Settled

Helene Lam v. LVMS

Attorney: Hall Jaffe Clayton, Las Vegas
Appearing for: Defendant
Disposition: Settled
Deposition: March 2015

In the Matter of Arbitration between Sandra Fryan and Lavinia Chong MD

Attorney: Jeffrey Benice
Appearing for: Plaintiff
Appearance: Arbitration before Judge Jameson, December 3, 2014

Michael J Otto et al. v Orange County Buick GMC LLC

Attorney: Gomez Law Firm San Diego
Appearing for: Plaintiffs
Deposition: October 2, 2014
Disposition: Settled

KJ v. USA

Attorney: Aitken Aitken Cohn
Appearing for: Plaintiffs
Disposition: Settled

In Re: The Conservatorship of Nada H.; Case No. 30-2014-00701041-Pr-Cp-Cjc

Attorney: Daily Aljian
Appearing for: Petitioner
Disposition: Settled. September 2014

Henry v Albuquerque Job Corps

Attorney: Rodey Law Firm (Albuquerque)
Appearing for: Defendant
Disposition: Settled

*Board of Psychology v *****PhD*

Case Info: Office of Administrative Hearings
Attorney: Michael Kiefer
Appearing for: Defendant
Appearance: Pending

Castro v G & C Swan Inc.

Case info: San Bernardino County Superior Court
Attorney: Plaintiff
Trial: Settled

Bonas v Vons

Attorney: Watten Discoe, Bassett & McMains
Appearing for: Defendant
Disposition: Settled

Paiva, Eva v Har Construction; City of San Diego, et al.

Attorney: Casey, Gerry, Schenk, Francavilla, Blatt & Penfield, LLP
Appearing for: Defendant
Disposition: Settled

Blaine Asam and Kylie Asam v Rudolph Ortiz; Bandahl Bros Trucking; General Motors

Attorney: Law Offices of Brian Brandt
Appearing for: Plaintiffs
Appearance: October 1, 2013; Judge: Hon Rafael Ongkeko
Disposition: Settled

***** v California School of Culinary Arts*

Attorneys: Kirtland & Packard LLP; Gallo & Associates
Appearance: Pending
Appearing for: Plaintiffs

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Case Info: Commissioner Charge against ***** Corporation Allegations under Americans with Disabilities Act Allegations under Title VII of Civil Rights Act of 1964
Appearing for: Federal Government; EEOC

Robert Reece v All Season Realty

Attorney: Watten, Discoe, Bassett & McMain
Appearing for: Defense
Disposition: Settled

*Medical Board v *****, MD*

Case Info: Medicare Fraud; Office of Administrative Hearings Los Angeles
Attorney: Ronald S. Marks
Appearing for: Defendant

Jane Doe, et al. v Jose Barajas, et al.

Case Info: Orange County Superior Court 07CC12691
Attorney: Aitken Aitken & Cohn
Appearing for: Plaintiff
Appearance: October 7, 2009; Judge: Hon. G. Glass
Disposition: Prevailed with \$2.6 million settlement

*Kay Rush v *****

Attorneys: Aitken Aitken & Cohn, Santa Ana, California Appearing for: Plaintiff
Disposition: Settled

Thompson v Harshbarger

Attorneys: Aitken Aitken & Cohn, Santa Ana, California Appearing for: Plaintiff
Disposition: Settled

Tom Kagy, et al. v Sterling Hills Golf Club, a California Corporation; Robert Fowler; Richard Shipley; Robert Armstrong; James Perkins, et al.

Case Info: Superior Court of Unlimited Jurisdiction, Ventura, California
Appeared for: Plaintiffs
Appearance: March 24, 2009; Judge: Hon. Glen M. Reiser

In the matter of Libby L. Freeman, Trust; Arthur Gorlek, Petitioner v Bruce Fingerhood, et al., Respondents

Case Info: Competency; Superior Court of California, February 2008
Disposition: Prevailed at trial
Attorney: Roger Buffington
Appeared for: Petitioner
Appearance: February 2008

United States of America v Tranh Truong Nguyen

Case Info: United States District Court
Attorney: Jeffrey Benice
Appeared for: Defendant
Appearance: January 9, 2008; Hon. Judge Carter

*Medical Board of California v ***** M.D.*

Case Info: Office of Administrative Hearings, State of California
Attorney: Jeffrey Benice
Appeared for: Respondent
Appearance: October 17, 2007 in San Diego; December 10, 2007 & in Laguna Hills; Judge Knopf

Gutierrez v United States

Case Info: Federal Court, Orange County, California
Attorney: Wylie Aitken
Disposition: Prevailed \$55 million settlement
Appeared for: Plaintiff
Appearance: April 17, 2007; Justice Alice Marie Stotler

Soto v Laidlaw Transit Services, et al.

Case Info: Orange County Superior Court 04CC04151, Orange County, California
Disposition: Prevailed \$2.5 million settlement
Attorney: William Salle
Appeared for: Plaintiff
Appearance: April 6, 2006

Shakouri v Surfas

Case Info: Prevailed at arbitration, June 2005
Attorneys: Novian & Novian
Appeared for: Defendant
Appearance: March 1, 2004

Kanwal v Rei, et al.

Case Info: Orange County Superior Court
Disposition: Prevailed
Attorneys: Buffington & Bowling LLP
Appeared for: Defendants

Rose v Bolin

Attorneys: Geoffrey Gold & Risa Morris: Rutter, Hobbs & Davidoff
Appeared for: Plaintiff
Disposition: Prevailed with \$1.8 million settlement 9/16/11)

Tynes Elementary (Chavarin v Tynes Elementary)

Attorneys: Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart
Appearing for: Defense
Deposition: Settled

Reece v All Seasons Realty

Attorney: Watten, Discoe; Basset & McMains (A. Nelson, Esq.)
Appeared for: Defendants
Disposition: Settled

Epifania Nicolas DDS v City of Riverside, City of Riverside Police Department County of Riverside DA's Office, et al.

Case Info: PTSD case – dentist; 843 days of false imprisonment,
acquitted of charge of Murder for Hire
Attorneys: Smith Chapman & Campbell, Santa Ana, California
Appeared for: Plaintiff
Appearance: Deposition, June 29, 2010

Nguyen v Orange County Sanitation District

Attorneys: Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart
Appearing for: Defense
Appearance: Deposition, February 3, 2010
Disposition: Settled

Gallagher Sanchez v American Express

Attorney: Jason Witten; Wang, Hartmann, Gibbs & Cauley, P.C.
Appearing for: Plaintiff
Appearance: Deposition, September 23, 2009
Disposition: Settled

Jane Doe v Ford Motor Company, Barajas et al.

Attorney: Darren Aitken; Aitken Aitken & Cohn
Appearing for: Plaintiff
Appearance: Deposition, May 28, 2009

Beth Robbins v Essex Management Corp., et al.

Disposition: Prevailed at Trial, October 2009
Attorney: Jeremy Dwork; Daley & Heft
Appearing for: Defense
Appearance: Deposition, March 26, 2009

Tom Kagy et al. v Sterling Hills Golf Club

Appearing for: Plaintiffs
Appearance: Deposition, September 4, 2008

*Medical Board of California v ***** MD*

Attorney: Jeffrey Benice
Appearing for: Respondent
Appearance: Deposition, September 12, 2007 at offices of Nunziato & Buckley, Los Angeles

Edgar Mosley v Invocare Inc.

Attorneys: Law Offices of David Werner, Esq., Laguna Hills, California
Appearing for: Plaintiff
Appearance: Deposition, October 16, 2006

Re the Matter of Alfred S. Linkon Living Trust

Attorneys: Law Office of Paul Stanton
Appearing for: On behalf of Mr. Linkon, deceased
Appearance: Deposition by Rutan & Tucker (Theodore Wallace), July 17, 2006

June Gutierrez v USA

Attorneys: Aitken Aitken & Cohn, Santa Ana, California
Appearing for: Plaintiff
Appearance: Deposition, September 2005

Angel Baeza v Pacifica Rehabilitation Center, et al.

Attorney: Mark Kiefer, Esq.
Appearance: Erickson Arbuthnot 4/25/2005

Michael Dougherty v Metrolink

Case Info: BNSF Case # 03CC00074 Metrolink Train Collision
Appearing for: Expert for Plaintiff
Appearance: Deposition, March 2005

Mario Aleman Silva v Inland Concrete Plumbing

Case Info: Case #SC077034
Attorney: Watten Discoe, Basset & McMains
Appearing for: Expert for Defense
Appearance: Deposition, October 2004

David Davis v James Michael Craig et al.

Case Info: Case #CV91105
Attorneys: Ahtirski & Nizinsli
Appearing for: Expert for Plaintiff

Karraker v RAC

Appearing for: Expert for Defense
Attorney: Brenk Johnson; Winstead Sechrest & Minick, Dallas office
Appearing for: Plaintiff
Appearance: Deposition, October 29, 2004

Margaret Leahy (Illinois)

Case Info: Federal Court, Illinois
Appearing for: Expert for Defense
Appearance: 2004

Expert Listings from Verdict Search

Award: \$1,800,000
Case Types: Elder Law - California Elder Abuse Act; Fraud; Partnership-Breach of Fiduciary Duty; Negligent Misrepresentation
Case: *Leila Rose and Kulyanee Patinnat, Trustees of the Leonard Rose Living Trust and Executors of the Estate of Leonard Rose v Don Bolin Development, BevRidge LLC, and L.O. Associates Inc.*
Venue: Superior Court of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles
State: California
Date: September 16, 2011
Expert: Colin G. Koransky, PhD (Newport Beach) Psychology, Neuropsychology
Summary: Between 2003 and 2007, plaintiffs' decedent, Leonard Rose, a wealthy property owner, invested in excess of \$5.6 million into BevRidge LLC, a real estate joint-venture with Don Bolin.

Award: \$55,184,288
Decision: Plaintiff
Case type: Motor vehicle
Case: *Leilani Gutierrez, a minor, by and through her Guardian ad Litem, and June Gutierrez v the United States of America*
Venue: United States District Court, Central District, Santa Ana, California
Date: September 27, 2007
Expert: Colin G. Koransky PhD (Newport Beach) Post-traumatic stress disorder
Summary: On May 12, 2002, June Gutierrez, 26, a waitress, was driving southbound on Newport Boulevard in Costa Mesa, with her 4-year-old daughter, Leilani Gutierrez, in the back seat on the driver's side. ...

Award: \$210,000, settlement
Case type: Construction
Case: *Maria Garza, Michael Garza, a minor, by and through his Guardian ad Litem, Richard Garza; and Richard C. Garza, a minor, by and through his Guardian ad Litem, Richard Garza v Corona Construction, Mastercraft Homes LLC and R.B.M. Grading*
Venue: Superior Court of San Bernardino County, Rancho Cucamonga, California
Date: October 10, 2003
Expert: Colin G Koransky PhD, Clinical Psychology
Summary: On September 29, 1999, plaintiff Michael Garza, then 10, was playing in the front yard of his family's home when an unshored section of the yard collapsed into the construction area of an adjacent new home. ...

Award: \$55,184,288, decision Plaintiff
Case type: Motor vehicle
Case: *Gutierrez v United States of America*
Venue: United States District Court, Central District, Santa Ana, California
Date: September 7, 2007
Expert: Colin G Koransky PhD, Post-traumatic stress disorder, Clinical Psychology
Summary: According to plaintiff: On May 12, 2002, plaintiff June Gutierrez, 26-years-old on the date of the accident, was driving a private vehicle southbound on Newport Boulevard in Costa Mesa, California.

Award \$2,601,058, verdict Plaintiff
Case type: Products liability
Case: *Jane Doe and John Doe v Ford Motor Company, Jose Manuel Reyes Barajas, HOL Construction Inc.*
Venue: Superior Court of Orange County, Santa Ana, California
Date: November 2, 2009
Expert: Colin G Koransky PhD, Post-traumatic stress disorder, Neuropsychology
Summary: On May 9, 2007, the plaintiff, 42, an information security technician, was driving a motorcycle northbound in the carpool lane on a highway. Reportedly, she was struck by a 2004 Ford F-350 truck after ...

Award: \$2,500,000, verdict mixed
Case type: Motor vehicle
Case: *Mary Soto v Duc V. Nguyen, an individual, Laidlaw Transit Services Inc., Valeda Co. LLC*
Venue: Superior Court of Orange County, Orange, California
Date: May 3, 2006
Expert: Colin G Koransky PhD, Psychological trauma, Neuropsychology
Summary: On Oct. 20, 2003, plaintiff Mary Soto, 70, retired, boarded a paratransit bus in Santa Ana owned by Laidlaw Transit Services Inc., Overland Park, Kan. Bus driver Duc V. Nguyen, buckled Soto to her whe...

Award: n/a; verdict Defendant
Case type: Intentional Torts
Case: *Manjit Singh Kanwal v Rana Singh Rai, et al.*
Venue: Superior Court of Orange County, Santa Ana
Date: March 03, 2004
Expert: Colin G Koransky PhD, Clinical Psychology
Summary: On June 9, 2002, plaintiff Manjit Singh Kanwal, 58, claimed that he was involuntarily detained, threatened and battered over a period of approximately three hours by Rana Singh Rai, Balwinder Singh Ra ...

Award: n/a, verdict Plaintiff
Case type: Trusts and estates
Case: *In re: Libby L. Freeman Trust*
Venue: Superior Court of Orange County, Orange, California
Date: April 24, 2008
Expert: Colin G Koransky PhD, Neuropsychology, Elder Law
Summary: In April 2004, Libby L. Freeman executed the Libby L. Freeman Trust in Orange County, the third amendment to which purported to disinherit Libby Freeman's grandchildren in favor of Bruce and Donna Fin...

Award: \$350,000, mediated settlement
Case type: Motor vehicle
Case: *Leonid Fridman and Tatyana Fridman v Mohammad Karim and A White and Yellow Cab Company Inc.*
Venue: Superior Court of Orange County, Santa Ana, California
Date: September 16, 2008
Expert: Colin G Koransky PhD, Neuropsychology
Summary: On June 20, 2007, plaintiff Leonid Fridman, 70, retired, was hit by a taxi driven by Mohammad Karim while taking a walk in Irvine. At the time, Fridman was crossing Lake Road at its intersection with ...

Award: **\$150,000, settlement**
Case type: Medical malpractice
Case: *Lind v Dr. Roe*
Venue: Superior Court of Los Angeles County, Pasadena, California
Date: February 20, 1999
Expert: Colin G Koransky PhD, Clinical Psychology
Summary: September 2, 19997; Plaintiff, a 51-year-old retail salesperson, had focal and segmental glomerular sclerosis (FSGS) that Defendant M.D. failed to diagnose and treat for over three years.

Settlements

Tamara Thompson v Harshbarger

Attorneys: Aitken Aitken & Cohn, Santa Ana, California
Appearing for: Plaintiff
Settled: November 2012

Tynes Elementary (Chavarin v Tynes Elementary)

Attorneys: Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart
Appearing for: Defense
Settled: September 2012

Webber v Derbidge

Attorneys: Erikson Arbuthnot: Michael Kiefer, Esq.
Appearing for: Defense
Settled: April 2012

Vego, et al. v Edison

Attorneys: Aitken Aitken & Cohn, Santa Ana, California
Appearing for: Plaintiffs
Disposition: Settled, October 2011

Lt. S v PMA

Case Info: Case arising out of Afghan War military service, PTSD
Disposition: Settled August 2011
Attorney: Law Offices of Jules Miller
Appeared for: Plaintiff

Cummins v Metrolink

Disposition: Settled July 2011
Attorneys: Cummins and White
Appearing for: Defense

Langus v Essence Treatment Options

Attorneys: Thompson & Colegate
Appeared for: Defendant

Bhindi v Maehara

Disposition: Settled January 2011
Attorney: Roger Buffington
Appearing for: Defendant

Gutierrez v Disneyland

Case Info: Rollercoaster accident victim
Disposition: Settled
Attorneys: Aitken Aitken & Cohn, Irvine, California
Appearing for: Plaintiff

In re the Estate of Majid Karoon, Decedent

Case Info: Contestants M. Karimi Disposition
Disposition: Settled
Attorney: Farad Novian, Esq.

Strickland v Gabrielson

Disposition: Settled
Attorneys: Aitken Aitken & Cohn, California
Appearing for: Plaintiff

Frei v Coldwell Banker

Disposition: Settled
Attorney: Frank Granato
Appearing as: Expert for Defense
Appearance: (Settled)

Robert Shockey v Princess Cruise Lines

Disposition: Settled
Attorneys: Aitken Aitken & Cohn, Santa Ana
Appearing for: Plaintiff

Earlier Depositions

- *Michael Garza et al. v Corona Construction et al.*
Deposition February 2003; Murchison & Cumming
Wright (Winstead Sechrest & Minick); William A. Rieback for Plaintiff
- *Steven Cservak et al. v San Diego Gas & Electric, Case # 00CC504*
Deposition 4/26/2002, Attorneys Philipson & Simon. Santa Ana, California. Court Appearance cancelled
when Judge ruled too many experts, accepted the psychiatrist on my team to testify on my behalf.
- *Shamoun v Irvine Medical Center*
Deposition 9/24/2001; Attorneys: Aitken Aitken & Cohn Santa Ana California
- *Fuller v IPC Corp et al., Case # BC 207178*
Deposition 5/22/2001; Attorneys: Lund & Caplan, Long Beach, California
- *Williams v Airport Century Inn et al., Court Case YC033790*
Deposition, October 1999: Attorney Eiler & Aicklen, Long Beach, California
- *Barbara Mayfield v Kaiser Foundation*
Deposition July 1999. Attorney: Kevin Gallagher, Tustin, California
- *Peter Allen Hand v Sonoma Valley Hospital et al.*
Deposition 6/2/1999; Attorneys: Kevin Gallagher; Joslyn Aitken appearing on behalf of the Plaintiff
- *Heather Horibe, et al., v Sea-Aira Mobile Home Park LP, et al.*
Deposition 5/21/1999; Attorneys Alvarez & Lenehan, Los Angeles, California
- *Joseph Meza v St Joseph Hospital et al.*
Deposition 7/15/1999; Attorney: Kevin Gallagher, Tustin, California
- *Debbi Pokrzywinski v County of Los Angeles, McLaren Children's Center, John Paul Mitchell Systems, Malesy' of California Inc. etc.*
Deposition 11/22/1999: Attorneys Collins Collins Muir & Traver, Pasadena, California
- *County of Orange, a Political Division of the State of California and John Moorlach in his official Capacity as Tax Treasurer of the County of Orange v Merrill Lynch & Co Inc.*
Deposition 2/25/1998 in the matter of the Orange County Bankruptcy; Attorneys Munger, Tolles & Olsen; and David Weichert for Robert Citron. (Orange County Bankruptcy Case) Santa Ana, California
- *Laura Krotzer v Stanley Butler MD*
Deposition on 5/22/1998: Attorneys Schmid & Voiles, Santa Ana, California

Court Appearances

Erik Koff V Trek Bicycle Corp

Case Info Orange County Superior Court
Attorney: Agnew Brusavich
Appearing for Plaintiff
Appearance: June 9th 2014

Blaine Asam and Kylie Asam v Rudolph Ortiz; Bandahl Bros Trucking; General Motors

Attorney: Law Offices of Brian Brandt
Appearing for: Plaintiffs
Appearance: October 1, 2013; Judge: Hon Rafael Ongkeko
Disposition: Settled

In the Matter of Arbitration between Sandra Fryan and Lavinia Chong MD

Attorney: Jeffrey Benice
Appearing for: Plaintiff
Appearance: Arbitration before Judge Jameson, December 3, 2014

*Medical Board v *****, MD*

Case Info: Medicare Fraud; Office of Administrative Hearings Los Angeles
Attorney: Ronald S. Marks
Appearing for: Defendant
Appearance: October 10th, 2011

Kanwal v Rei et al.

Attorneys: Buffington & Bowling LLP
Appeared for: Defendants
Appearance: March 1, 2004

In re Marriage of Masters

Case Info: Superior Court for the State of California
Attorneys: Trope & Trope
Appearances: 2002-2003

In re Marriage of Kohan

Case Info: Superior Court for the State of California
Attorney: George Kornievsky, Irvine, California
Appearance: April 27, 2000

People v Robert Citron, Tax Treasurer for Orange County

Case Info: Orange County Bankruptcy Case Court Appearance at Sentencing of Mr. Citron
November 18, 1996 in Orange Court Superior Court
Attorney: David Wiechert

Heddings v Zilliox

Attorneys: Howard Moss Loveder & Walker; Santa Ana, California
Appearance: October 1996

Harry Slamkowski v Morgan Services and David Rivera

Case Info: Orange County Superior Court, Case No 70 49 62
Disposition: Verdict October 13, 1994
Attorney: Steven R. Kuhn

Appearances at Arbitration

In the Matter of Arbitration between Sandra Fryan and Lavinia Chong MD

Attorney: Jeffrey Benice
Appearing for: Plaintiff
Appearance: Arbitration before Judge Jameson, December 3, 2014

Hart v Barwick Imports Inc. et al.

Case Info: OCSC Central, Case No.01 Preparation of Special Report for the Court, July 2002
Attorneys: Corbett & Steelman, Robert Cardwell, Esq.

Shrimp v Lu

Attorneys: Kerry Garcia & Lewis, Long Beach, California
Appearance: June 18, 1996

Charles Miller v Rapistan-Wilmat-Midwest Crawford & Co.

Case Info: Lien Conference
Attorney: Robert Lundgren Jr., Santa Ana, California
Appearance: September 11, 1997

Joseph Meza v St Joseph Hospital, et al.

Case Info: Arbitration
Attorney: Kevin Gallagher, Tustin, California
Appearance: July 20, 1999

Note: Many forensic evaluations are routinely done, and cases get settled before deposition and/or court appearances become necessary. Only one of these cases has been included above as an example. (*Hart v Barwick Imports Inc. et al.*, OCSC Central, Case No. 01 CC 07748)

Some Law Firms I Have Worked With

Aitken Aitken & Cohn, Santa Ana, California

- *Gutierrez v United States*: Federal Court, Orange County: Justice Alice Marie Stotler. Appearance for Plaintiff. April 17, 2007. Personal Injury Case. Attorney; Wylie Aitken
- Court appearances 4/25-4/29/2003 (Wylie Aitken)
- Disneyland roller coaster accident, 2004
- Metrolink train crash and several additional cases
- Expert for several Plaintiffs

Rutan & Tucker, Newport Beach, California

- Expert for Defense

Watten Discoe, Bassett & McMain

- Expert for Defense - several cases

Bautre Crochetierre & Gilford LLP, Los Angeles

- Expert for Plaintiffs

Skane Wilcox LLP, Las Vegas

- Expert for Defense

White, Oliver & Amundson, A.P.C.

- Expert for Defense - several cases

Hall Jaffe Clayton, Las Vegas

- Expert for Defense - several cases

Gomez Law Firm San Diego

- Expert for Plaintiffs several cases

Baum Hedlund Aristei Goldman PC

- Expert for Plaintiffs

Ezra Siegel, Raffalow, Rhoads & Bretoi

- Expert for Defense

Law Office of Olins & Zucconi San Diego
Expert for Plaintiffs

Law Offices of David Fox
Expert for Plaintiff

Deon Goldschmidt Esq. San Diego Personal Injury Attorneys
Expert for Plaintiff

Daily Aljian

- Expert for Petitioner

Buffington Law Firm, Roger Buffington, Fountain Valley, California

- Expert for Defense - several cases
- Mental competence in elderly woman
- Malpractice
- PTSD cases

Law Office of Christopher Purcell, Esq., Santa Ana
• Expert for Plaintiffs - several cases
• PTSD in child

Law Offices of Brian Brandt
• Expert for Plaintiffs - several cases

Rodey Law Firm (Albuquerque)
• Expert for Defense

Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart
• Expert for Defense - several cases

Daley & Heft, Solana Beach, California; Christopher Busch
• Expert for Defense - several cases

Kirtland & Packard LLP; Gallo & Associates
• Expert for Plaintiffs

Rutter, Hobbs & Davidoff
• Expert for the Defense
• Elder abuse, undue influence \$1.8 million settlement

Casey Gerry Schenk Francavilla Blatt & Penfield
• Expert for several Plaintiffs

Kevin Gallagher, Esq.

- Criminal cases - sexual issues
- Expert for Defense

Cummins & White, Charles Murawski, Esq.

- Retained for the Defense (Metrolink)

Smith Chapman & Campbell, Santa Ana, California

- Expert for Plaintiff

Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart

- Retained for the Defense - several cases

Moran Law Firm, Las Vegas

- Retained for the Defense

Jules Miller, Esq.

- Expert for Plaintiff: PTSD War in Afghanistan

William Salle

- Appearing for the Plaintiff: Prevailed \$2.5 million settlement. April 6, 2006

Trope & Trope

- Expert for Plaintiff: several cases

David Wiechert

- Bankruptcy Orange County Robert Citron
- Medicare fraud case

Law Offices of Agnew Brusavich

- Expert for Plaintiff

Thompson & Colegate LLP

- Standard of care expert for Defense

Jeffrey Benice

- Expert for defense. Criminal cases. Medical Board.

Yaeger Jungbauer & Barczak PLC, Minneapolis

- *Terry Pinkney v PHL/BNSF*
- Expert for Plaintiff – railway injury

David Werner

- Expert for Plaintiff, products liability

Steven Zwick

- Expert for Plaintiff

Kolod Wager (Scott Kolod)

- Personal injury. Expert for the Defense

Leslie B. Lindgren

- Metrolink train crash expert for Plaintiff

Karen Schmidt, (949) 831-0362

- Mental competence in elderly man; prevailed in court

Paul L. Stanton, Esq.

- Mental competence in elderly man

Novian & Novian

- Mental competence in elderly man (2 cases)
- Case #1 settled
- Prevailed at arbitration in Case #2

Speiser & Krause: Aviation Disasters

- Expert for 2 Plaintiffs, survivors of Singapore Airlines crash

Kolod Wager & Molan

- Medical malpractice/negligence

Winstead, Sechrest & Minick, Dallas: Franklin Wright, Brenk Johnson, Esq.

- Labor issues
- 2 cases in Federal Court. Expert for Defense

Corbett & Steelman (Robert Cardwell)

- PTSD, product liability
- Expert for Plaintiff

Philipson & Simon (David Simon)

- Personal Injury, electrocution case Expert for Plaintiff

Karen Schmidt, (949) 831-0362

- Personal injury

Ray Gallo, Marin County

- PTSD, criminal case

Law Offices of Kerry, Garcia, and Lewis, Andy Garcia

- PTSD, emotional trauma

Howard Franco, Collins Collins Muir & Traver, (626) 793-1163

- Wrongful death, Los Angeles County
- Expert for Defense
- Domestic violence/head injury

Alton Todd, Houston Texas

- Medical malpractice

Mark Evans, (714) 832-6580

- Personal injury

Theodore Wentworth, (949) 752-8339

- Sargis Atanous, (714) 639-6582
- Medical malpractice

Chuck Norek

- Medical malpractice
- Personal injury

Steven R.Kuhn, Esq.

- Brain injury, \$1.5 million settlement

Deborah L. Leifer

- Personal injury

Edward R. Danoff, Jr.

- Child with major injury, negligence

Professional Experience

Private Clinical Practice, Newport Beach (1981-present)

Mental Status Examinations, Clinical and Diagnostic Consultations, and Psychological Testing

Consultations performed at various levels from screening to comprehensive, depending on need, clinical issues, and circumstances. Consultations include forensic workups of psychiatric illnesses, brain function, emotionally related traumas, cognitive functioning, post-traumatic stress disorder, as well as intellectual potential. Child and adolescent evaluations for attention deficit disorders, academic problems, and aptitudes, emotional impact resulting from various traumas.

Individual, Family, Marriage, Child, and Adolescent Psychotherapy Consultations and Psychological Testing

Evaluations using latest and most widely accepted Psychological Testing, Focusing on psychological, and psychiatric, neuropsychological and emotional impairments. Forensic psychological evaluations for psychologically traumatized patients of all ages.

Lecturer in Psychology at Los Angeles Professional Psychology Institute Beverly Hills, California (1981-1983)

Taught courses on psychopathology, diagnosis of mental disorders, use of various psychological tests including academic, neuropsychological and personality tests, including MMPI, Rorschach, Millon, and other similar instruments, psychological report writing, ethical issues, etc.

Staff Psychologist, Charter Hospital, (formerly Long Beach Neuropsychiatric Institute) Long Beach, California (1978-1981)

Director - Partial Hospital Day Treatment and Outpatient Departments

Developed Inpatient treatment programs on adult and adolescent units; individual and group psychotherapy with inpatient population; medico-legal evaluation on involuntary hold patients for continuing care under 5150/5250 state law requirements; psychological testing and evaluation of children, adolescents, adults, elderly, and forensic cases.

Development of Partial Hospitalization and Outpatient Services for the Hospital; Individual and Group Psychotherapy: Psychological Testing; Supervision; Departmental Administration, staffing and operations.

Senior Clinical Psychologist, Sterkfontein State Hospital, and Johannesburg General Hospital South Africa (1975-1978)

Training of interns, Director of Research Project on Schizophrenia, Consultant to Pharmacological Committee for Drug Trials. Director of Community Psychiatry Program: Co-ordination of Rehabilitation Service; In-patient and Outpatient therapies. Psychological Testing of broad clinical population. Departmental Administration.

Department of Psychiatry, University of the Witwatersrand, Medical School Johannesburg, South Africa (1974-1978)

Senior Lecturer

Courses on psychopathology, group dynamics and psychotherapy techniques as well as psychological evaluation, testing and reporting. Development of Curriculum for improving the teaching of Psychiatry and Clinical Psychology to students of the Medical School. Consulted on ways to improve recruitment of graduating physicians to specialty of psychiatry. Oral Examiner for final year Medical School Examinations in Psychiatry.

Completed 4-year Longitudinal Schizophrenic Research Project, resulting in several publications; established community wide network of outpatient mental health centers, for primary and secondary prevention; conceived and executed a peripatetic community nurse program to service the chronic population with ongoing treatment needs, in their homes, halfway houses and the workplace. Established job-training programs in both sheltered employment and open labor markets for chronic patients who had been institutionalized for years. Created public awareness program through newspaper articles, magazines, and TV appearances, bringing the issues of the deinstitutionalized patient in the outside world, to the public's attention.

Served as Consultant to Government Panel set up to evaluate and revamp labor Laws as they related to chronically ill patients in the workplace.

Research assistant in designing drug trials for major Pharmaceutical Companies, required to establish behavioral and psychological criteria and parameters to measure effectiveness of certain psychopharmacological drugs.

Director of Research (1972-1973)

Two-year Research Program on anxiety and depressive disorders in children with learning disabilities and attention deficit disorders, (ADHD)

Staff Psychologist on Pediatric Ward of Children's Hospital (1971-1972)

Diagnosed and treated psychological problem critically ill children. Bereavement counseling.

Clinical Experience

Psychological Testing and Evaluation

Thirty years of experience in use of psychological tests for evaluation, diagnosis, analysis of psychological profiles, psychiatric illnesses, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), intellectual abilities, aptitudes, brain function, neuropsychological deficits, and Fitness for Duty.

Held contract with State of California, State Personnel Bureau, for evaluation and assessment of Fitness for Duty for 29 state agencies that are required by state law to have mental health evaluation and clearance prior to hiring. The agencies include California Highway Patrol, Department of Youth Authority, District Attorney's Office, Firefighters, Department of Justice, State Park Peace Officers, Alcohol and Beverage Control, Lottery Officials, Lifeguard, Department of Insurance Fraud Investigators, Fish and Game officers, Forestry, and several other departments.

Evaluation involves clinical interview and review and interpretation of Psychological Testing, including MMPI-II, Millon Personality Inventory.

Experienced in use and interpretation of most standardized psychological testing which form an important part of the Fitness for Duty Evaluation, particularly the "blue chip" tests which include, the Wechsler Intelligence Scale, MMPI-II, Millon-III, wide range of neuropsychological tests, Delis-Kaplan Executive Function System, academic achievement and potential instruments, Rorschach Inkblot Test, Thematic Apperception Test and Detailed Assessment of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Test. Experienced in assembling test batteries that reflect, not only the criteria being measured, but also a number of additional factors, including:

Extensive Experience in Personal Injury

Evaluations focusing on demonstrating cognitive and mental impairments through effective testing and dynamic clinical evaluation. Forensic psychological evaluations for psychologically traumatized patients of all ages. Expert witness for both Plaintiff and Defense.

Professional Affiliations

- Member of International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies

Recent Post Graduate Studies

- Post-traumatic and Acute Stress Disorders: The Latest Assessment and Treatment Strategies **10/19/15**
- DSM-5: A Comprehensive Overview. **10/21/15**
- Trauma Competency Conference, August 2015
- Older Adults and Mental Health
- Spousal or Partner Abuse Assessment, Detection and Intervention Strategies
- Head Trauma
- Challenges in Using Opioids to Treat Pain in Persons With Substance Use Disorders
- Brain and Spinal Tumors: Hope Through Research; October 2013
- Management of Concussion/Mild Traumatic Brain Injury - Evidence Based Practice; October 2013
- Penetrating Defenses to Awaken the Self: Susan Warren Warshow, LCSW; Jon Frederickson, Two day Seminar; Los Angeles September 28-29, 2013
- Sticks and Stones: Defeating the Culture of Bullying. By Emily Bazelon Presentation at Yale University, February 26, 2013
- MMPI-2-RF: Forensic Practice Briefing: January, 29 2013 Y.Ben Porath PhD; Kent State University: Webinar
- The Iraq War Clinician Guide, November 2011 Topics Specific to the Psychiatric Treatment of Military Personnel, National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Ethical Boundaries Mental Health, November 2011
- Sexual Problems in Adult Survivors of Sexual Trauma, Assessment, Treatment, and Managing Countertransference, November 2011
- Attachment and the Therapist; David Wallin Ph.D.; May 20, 2011
- The Immune System: Mind Body Connection; Institute for Brain Potential, April 8, 2011
- Unbearable Moments in Childhood and their Eruptions in Adult Life: Toward a Convergence of Neurobiology and Psychoanalysis, February 12, 2011
- Trauma, PTSD & Grief; Seminar by Michael Rank, Ph.D., October 27, 2010
- NVAA: The Justice System and Victim Services, November 2009
- HIPPA Overview, November 2009
- Psychiatric Evaluation of Adults; Practice Guidelines by the American Psychiatric Association, November 2009
- On-site Professional Seminar on Addictive Disorders. Sierra Tucson, January 22-25, 2009
- Re-purposing in Dual Disorder Patients: Using Coaching Tools to Rapidly Generate Perspective, Hope & Momentum; Orange County: January 15, 2009
- Anatomy of Intimacy; Neurobiology of Intimate Attachments, 2008
- Chronic Pain, Seminar, Irvine, June 6, 2007
- Healthy Addictions & Passions; Seminar, Institute for Brain Potential, Irvine, April 16, 2007
- Mindfulness & Therapeutic Skills; Seminar, Anaheim, January 31, 2007
- Law & Ethics: Risk Management in Clinical Practice; Seminar, October 28th 2006
- Self-Destructive Emotions; Seminar, Irvine, October 18, 2005
- Secrets of the Aging Mind; Seminar, September 24, 2005
- Law & Ethics: Risk Management in Clinical Practice; Seminar, Irvine, June 17, 2005
- Mind and Body in the Treatment of Psychological Trauma; Los Angeles, February 11, 2005
- Bridges for Healing, Couples Therapy, Neurobiology & Pharmacology; La Jolla, February 2005
- Anxiety Disorders: Research, Diagnosis & Treatment; Irvine, California; March 3, 2005
- Understanding and Treating Domestic Violence, Costa Mesa, November 1, 2003

- Promoting Change: Trauma & Intimacy; San Diego, May 2-3, 2003
- Integrating Treatments for PTSD; San Diego, July 2002
- Trauma and Personality Disorders; San Diego July 2002 with Louise Gaston Ph.D., world renowned expert on research in PTSD, Prof. McGill University, Montreal
- Practical Treatment Approaches to PTSD & Borderline Personality Disorders; June 2002, Los Angeles
- Healing Trauma: Attachment, Trauma, The Brain and the Mind, March 2001, UC San Diego; Understanding and Treating Trauma, Developmental and Neurobiological Approaches; January/February 1998, UCLA, (Bessel van der Kolk (Harvard) Allen Schore UCLA et al.)
- Personal Communications with Bessel van der Kolk, MD, International Expert, author, on issues relative to Survivors of Singapore Airlines Crash
- Personal Communications with Louise Gaston Ph.D., world renowned expert on research in PTSD, Prof. McGill University Montreal, on issues relative to ongoing cases.

Education

University of Southern California - 1993

Diploma: Management Development Program in Health Care

Licensed in California – 1980

License #: PSY 6456

California Board of Psychology

Ph.D., Clinical Psychology - 1977

University of South Africa

Doctoral Dissertation: A Critical Evaluation of a Rehabilitation and Resocialization Program in a Halfway House

M.A., Clinical Psychology – 1972

University of South Africa

Master's Thesis: The Role of Manifest Anxiety in Children with Reading Disability

B.A., Psychology and Sociology Majors – 1969

University of Witwatersrand, South Africa

Clinical Internship – 1974-1975

Weskoppies Hospital, Pretoria, South Africa

Clinical Residency – 1975-1978

Sterkfontein State Hospital, South Africa

Hospital Affiliation

- Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian, Newport Beach

Hospital Affiliations - Previous

- Humana Hospital Huntington Beach
- Newport Harbor Hospital, Newport Beach College Hospital Costa Mesa
- Charter Hospital, Long Beach
- Charter Suburban Hospital, Paramount Charter Hospital Hawaiian Gardens Doctors Hospital, Lakewood
- San Pedro Peninsula Hospital San Pedro Dominguez Valley Hospital; Long Beach College Hospital, Cerritos Pacifica Hospital Huntington Beach

Professional Associations

- International Society for Traumatic Stress

Presentations

- Guest speaker at 51st Annual Convention: Consumer Attorneys of California
- November 9, 2012, San Francisco California
- Topic: Calibrating Losses in Post-traumatic Stress, Anxiety and Depression in Forensic Evaluations
- Institute for Medico Legal Studies, La Jolla California, Paper presented at Conference
- Topic: The Use of Neuropsychological Testing in the Evaluation of Head Trauma
- Together with C.P. O'Carroll MD Neurology and M. Brandt -Zawadzki MD Neuroradiology presenting collaborative findings.

TV Public Appearance

- Appearance on Court TV as expert on Psychological Impact on Victims of Abduction, & the Audrey Seiler Abduction Hoax; December 2005