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Education	Ph.D.	California Graduate Institute, Los Angeles, Clinical Psychology. Wright Institute Los Angeles. Doctoral courses in Social-Clinical Psychology.	1988 1982-1983
	B.A.	University of California at Los Angeles, Microbiology.	1978
Licensing		Psychologist license #PSY 11419 issued by California Board of Psychology.	March 1990
Professional Experience		<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Psychotherapy, private practice, by appointment in Seal Beach.➤ Conservatorships: Court-requested evaluations and reports for conservatorship actions.➤ Expert witness testimony: geriatrics, cognitive impairment, mental capacity determinations, decision-making and undue influence.➤ Mental capacity determinations: Retrospective psycholegal evaluations of mental capacity and undue influence in matters of contested estates, trusts and wills.➤ Psychological assessment and consultation to probate and elder law attorneys, private conservators and fiduciaries, hospitals, and community social service organizations.	
Clinical Interests		Elder abuse and elder protection. Undue influence and decision-making. Chronically mentally ill population.	
Affiliations		Hospitals and Long-term Psychiatric Care Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Allied Professional Healthcare Staff Community Hospital Long Beach, Memorial Care Health System Pacific Hospital Long Beach Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center San Pedro – Bridges➤ Contracted Forensic Services La Casa MHRC, Telecare, Long Beach (Traditions Behavioral Health) La Paz Geropsychiatric, Telecare, Long Beach (Traditions Behavioral Health) Penn Mar Therapeutic Center Clearview Skilled Nursing Facility Intercommunity Care Center Asana Medical Group (Verdugo Hills Hospital, Auerbach Medical Center, San Gabriel Valley Medical Center) Landmark Medical Center (IMD) Selected Organizations, Presentations, Citations California Psychological Association, Geriatric Psychology Section Orange County Psychological Association, member American Bar Association, Elder Abuse Listserve, member American Society on Aging, member International Psychogeriatric Association, member Forensic Expert Witness Association, Orange County Chapter, member Mental Health Lecturer: Hospitals, Facilities, Community (list of lectures available) Most recent: Conducting Mental Capacity Evaluations related to Estate Planning and Elder Abuse (Orange County Psychological Association – Continuing Education – October 26, 2011) Upcoming: The ABC's of LPS (Mental Health) Conservatorships (Professional Fiduciaries of California Annual Conference, April 2012) Cited in: NAELA Journal (National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys) 2:2, 2006.	

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Qualifications as Expert Witness

Licensed as a Psychologist in California 1990 (PSY11419)

Ph.D. - Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (CGI 1988)

- B.A., Microbiology, (UCLA 1978)
- Graduate training in Clinical Psychology in assessment, diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders.
- Post-Graduate Continuing Professional Education in areas of neuropsychology, geriatrics (geropsychology), elder abuse assessment, mental capacity assessment, assessment of undue influence, forensic evaluations and professional ethics.

Focus of practice

- Primarily geriatric psychology for the past twelve years.
- Independent assessments for people in crisis, residential evaluations, multidisciplinary team work with psychiatrists, social workers, Adult Protective Services, probate conservators, probate attorneys, Offices of the Los Angeles Public Guardian, County Counsel, District Attorney, and Public Defender.
- Psychological evaluations for mental capacity; suspicion of undue influence related to contested estates, wills and trusts.
- Determinations of grave disability due to a mental disorder.
- Evaluation of disability, issues of chronic illness, issues of quality of life, issues of least restrictive care.
- Estimate: conducted over 1000 evaluations over the past twelve years.

Hospital patient care

- Experience as professional staff member of geropsychiatric units in L.A. and Orange Counties ; experience as a hospital Director of Psychological Services.
- Majority of inpatient care involves providing psychological assessment and treatment services to involuntary elderly patients (those held as gravely disabled under W&I Codes).
- Emergency Room (ER) and Intensive Care Unit (ICU) evaluations for suicide risk.

Expert witness testimony/Forensic settings

- Expert witness testimony and written reports provided for probate conservatorships in Superior Courts of Los Angeles and Orange Counties.
- Expert witness testimony provided for mental health conservatorships (LPS conservatorships) in Superior Court, Dept. 95, County of L.A. (500+ appearances).
- Expert witness testimony provided for Writs of Habeas Corpus hearings requested by involuntary psychiatric patients.
- Expert witness testimony for retrospective psychological evaluation and opinions related to civil suits: mental capacity to amend a trust, to enter into a contract; testamentary capacity and suspicion of undue influence.
- Sworn declarations regarding mental capacity and capacity to make informed medical consent, quality of care issues for elderly, need for conservatorship, provided to probate courts at request of the Court, PVP attorneys, proposed conservators, and probate attorneys.

Instructor/lecturer/educator roles

- Lectures provided to staffs of hospitals, continuing education for attorneys, and public forums. (List of lectures and topics available.)
- Panelist on Standards of Mental Capacity presentation: Probate and Estate Planning Section, Orange County Bar Association.
- Supervision of psychological clinical services provided to hospital staff members.