

As a consultant to social workers, attorneys and individuals I apply my experience, education and training to criminal and family part cases that raise concerns around multiple, complex issues wherein the parent's, or defendant's, mental health or substance use may be a factor. I have provided formal and informal consultation to more than 100 attorneys and have testified at more than 100 hearings. A unique factor in my credibility is my background of twenty years in the social work field as a counselor-psychotherapist, adjunct professor of sociology / social welfare, as well as several years serving as a judge's expert T.A.S.C. evaluator and statewide coordinator of the adult-criminal New Jersey Drug Court program.

I am a practicing licensed clinical social worker with Court experience and have been qualified as an expert witness by the Superior Court of the State of New Jersey. Forensic specialization includes family systems, addiction and mental health disorders. My practice consists of offering a range of services to a broad spectrum of clients. These clients include individuals with a variety of disorders, family, marital and other mental health or family functioning issues. Services include divorce mediation/ parent coordination, diagnostic evaluations for mental health and addiction, parenting and custody evaluations, individual & family therapy, agency consultation, training for non-mental health and criminal justice professionals, and clinical supervision of other social workers.

I have trained and served as a consultant to agencies that include: outpatient substance abuse treatment centers, as well as a variety of agencies providing services for youth with special needs, adolescents, and people with co-occurring disorders. During my employment in the New Jersey Judiciary, I provided training and technical assistance to the 15 Vicinage Criminal Drug Court Judges and Court team personnel regarding treatment for addiction and emotional problems. I train colleagues in preparation for becoming a licensed / certified addictions counselor, as well as providing several courses related to applying clinical social work skills in forensic settings. I am also an Adjunct Professor of Sociology at Bergen Community College teaching the introductory courses to those students who are preparing to become social workers, teachers and criminal justice professionals.

I have provided forensic evaluations and expert testimony in family court in both New York (1988-1991) and New Jersey (1993-present). I have extensive testimonial experience in Bergen County, and have provided expert evaluation reports and testimony in several counties in NJ, as well as the Boroughs of NYC. I have been appointed (2007-present) by NJ Superior Court Judges as a Parent Coordinator in family court, high conflict matrimonial matters in Bergen, Passaic, and Middlesex, NJ.

Case types have included: diagnostic evaluations and treatment recommendations, child welfare termination of parental rights verses reunification, pre and post judgment of divorce child custody, visitation/parenting time, domestic violence & weapons forfeiture cases, and particularly cases which have involved substance abuse/addiction and/or mental health disorders.

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