

## Q & A

What are your areas of expertise relevant to forensic psychology?

I specialize in the forensic evaluation of those alleging trauma or stress, typically due to employment related events (termination, harassment, etc.), accidents, physical or sexual assault or molestation. This has been my clinical specialty since the time of my PhD (from the U of Denver) in 1983. I have published widely on the topic, am a former President of the Division of Trauma for APA, and now Chair the Science committee. In 2016, I was awarded the Lifetime Achievement award for Trauma Psychology.

As a forensic psychologist, I am committed to fair-minded evaluations that rest on the scientific literature. I testify for both Defense and Plaintiff in civil cases, and have testified in multiple dependency and termination of parental rights cases. My statement of integrity, CV, retainer and fee schedule, and description of my testing philosophy are all given in the links on the website.

Do you evaluate children and adults?

Yes. I have clinical and forensic training in both adult and child psychology. I have extensive knowledge of child interviewing and have also testified in cases regarding potential suggestion.

How are evaluations done outside of San Diego?

I am an academic, so travel for evaluations outside of California is difficult other than in breaks (December, late May to early September). In the Western states outside of California during the school year, I can only do evaluations if the person can come to San Diego, or if I can conduct the evaluation on a Sunday or Monday, and be back by Tuesday.

I do many evaluations in California outside of San Diego. I ask that the evaluation be scheduled at a hotel that has a small conference room that the lawfirm is willing to reserve. I then come in the night before (typically by car or train), conduct the evaluation, and go back that night. The retainer include a \$4000 charge for the evaluation and \$1000 to cover my hotel, food, and travel. However, it is rare that expenses are over \$400.

How are evaluations done in San Diego?

Evaluations in San Diego can be done either over one full day or in two half days. If the evaluation is done on Thursday or in two half days (T and Th), I can do it in my office (see clinical section) and there is no hotel charge. If the Plaintiff wants a weekend evaluation, I conduct the evaluation in a small hotel conference room (see above section) in one of the larger San Diego hotels. By arrangement, I can also conduct evaluations on the weekend at the university (Alliant International University, 10455 Pomerado, San Diego, CA) or in other San Diego locations.

What are the testing procedures in an evaluation?

See the Testing Philosophy section