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## **CURRENT PRACTICE AND CERTIFICATION**

**Child Custody Forensics, Albany New York.**  
**Licensed Psychologist, New York State (#010352-1).**

## **FORMAL EDUCATION**

**Ph.D., Counseling Psychology**, State University of New York at Albany, Albany N.Y. (1989).  
**M.S., Clinical Psychology**, Marquette University, Milwaukee Wisconsin (1981)  
**B.A., Psychology**, Theology minor, Marquette University, Milwaukee Wisconsin (1979)  
**Religious Studies Major**, College of St. Rose, Albany, N.Y., 1975-1977.

## **EDITORIAL ROLES**

**Editorial Board Member**, Family Court Review, 6/19 – present.  
**Editorial Board Member**, The Matrimonial Strategist, 2014 – 2018.  
**Editorial Board Member**, The New York Family Law Monthly, 2002-2015.  
**Editorial Board Member**, The Journal of Child Custody, 12/08-12/13.

## **AWARDS**

**Meyer Elkin Award**, 2006 recipient, together with Timothy Tippins Esq. given by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (For “Best Articles” in the Family Court Review, 2005).

## **BOARD MEMBERSHIPS**

**Board Member**, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts – NY Chapter, 1/14 – 12/17.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

**Adjunct Clinical Professor (Doctoral Course: Introduction to Forensic Psychology)**, State University of New York at Albany (Two presentations of this course, team-taught with William McIntyre, PhD, classes in 2007 & 2008; Appointment 2007-2013)

## PROFESSIONAL TASK FORCES

**Member,** The AFCC Task Force on the Model Standards of Practice for Child Custody Evaluation, 5/19 – 5/22.

**Member,** *The AFCC Task Force on for the Development of Guidelines on the Use of Social Science Research in Family Law.* (International group tasked with writing guidelines/standards for the use of social science research in divorce/litigation matters), 2016 – 2018.

**Member,** *The AFCC Task Force on Child Custody Consultation* (National group tasked with developing model standards for non-evaluative forensic consultation roles for mental health professionals) 2009 – 2011.

## BOOKS

Wittmann, J.P. (2024). *Evaluating Evaluations: An Attorney's Handbook for Analyzing Child Custody Reports* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed). MatLaw Corp.

Wittmann, J.P. (2024). *Custody Assessment Analysis System Workbook (CAAS-R)* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed). MatLaw Corp.

Wittmann, J.P. (2013). *Evaluating Evaluations: An Attorney's Handbook for Analyzing Child Custody Reports.* MatLaw Corp.

Wittmann, J.P. (2013). *Custody Assessment Analysis System Workbook (CAAS).* MatLaw Corp.

Wittmann, J.P. (2001). *Custody Chaos, Personal Peace.* New York: Perigee Books.

Wittmann, J.P. and Cale, R.L. (1996). *Kids First after Divorce: Simple Tips for Helping Your Children Cope with Divorce.* Albany: Child and Family Insights.

## PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND ARTICLES

Braunstein, L.J. & Wittmann, J.P. (2023). To recommend or not recommend: That is still the question. *Family Court Review*, 61: 782-800.

Wittmann, J.P. (Spring, 2023). Blue ribbon commission on forensic custody evaluations: An unreliable work-product. *AFCC-NY News and Views.*

Wittmann, J.P. (2022). A three-factor ethical reasoning model for court-involved practitioners: Services, roles, values. *Family Court Review*, 60:507-529.

- Wittmann, J.P & Martindale, D.M. (Spring, 2020). Consultants, records, and protecting families. *AFCC-NY News and Views*.
- Wittmann, J.P. (Summer, 2019). Testifying about people we have never met in child custody matters. *AFCC-NY News and Views*.
- AFCC (2019). Guidelines for the use of social science research in family law. Task Force: Fee, W., Platt, S., Dale, B., Doeberl, K., Holtzworth-Munroe, A., Johnston, J., Misca, G., Nachlis, L., Kline Pruett, M., Rappaport, S., Saini, M., Shelby, L., Williams, J., Williams, T., MS; Wittmann, J., Salem, P. *Family Court Review*, 57(2), 193 - 200.
- Wittmann, J.P. (2017). Forensic mythologies. *The Matrimonial Strategist*, 34(3), Part I (September) and Part II (October).
- Wittmann, J.P. (2017). Bias in custody evaluations. *The Matrimonial Strategist*, 34(3), March.
- Wittmann, J.P. (2016). Foundational scrutiny of forensic opinions. *The Matrimonial Strategist*., 34(9), September.
- Wittmann, J.P. (2016). Alienation: The evolution of a controversial construct. *The Matrimonial Strategist*. January, 34(4), April.
- Wittmann, J.P. (2016). Forensic Clairvoyance. *The Matrimonial Strategist*. January, 34(1), January.
- Wittmann, J.P. (2015). Spotting unreliable child interviews. *The Matrimonial Strategist*. 33(6), June.
- Wittmann, J.P. (2014). Spotting unreliable child interviews. *New York Family Monthly*. December, 16(4).
- Wittmann, J.P. (2014). The Weinstein Bill: Improved Access to Custody Reports. *New York Family Monthly*. September, 16(3).
- Wittmann, J. P., Martindale, D. A., & Tippins, T. M. (2014). Analyzing child custody reports, part four: Technique adequacy. *The Matrimonial Strategist*, 32(9), 1ff.
- Wittmann, J. P., Martindale, D. A., & Tippins, T. M. (2014). Analyzing child custody reports, part three: Technique adequacy. *The Matrimonial Strategist*, 32(8), 1ff.
- Wittmann, J. P., Martindale, D. A., & Tippins, T. M. (2014). Analyzing child custody reports. Part Two: Data adequacy. *The Matrimonial Strategist*, 32(7), 3,4.
- Wittmann, J. P., Martindale, D. A., & Tippins, T. M. (2014). Analyzing child custody reports. Part one: Management of professional relationships. *The Matrimonial Strategist*, 32(6).
- Wittmann, J.P. (2014). Learning from our mistakes: Foundations for reliable child custody practice. *AFCC-NY News and Views*, 1(2).

- Martindale, D. A. & Wittmann, J. P. (2014). Ask the Experts: Ten serious errors made by custody evaluators. *AFCC eNEWS*, 9(2).
- Wittmann, J.P. (2013). Updated Guidelines for Forensic Psychologists. *Matrimonial Strategist*.
- Wittmann, J.P. (2013). New Guidelines for Forensic Psychologists. *New York Family Monthly*. September.
- Wittmann, J.P. (2013). Mining the gold in flawed forensic custody reports. *New York Family Law Monthly*. January.
- Wittmann, J.P. (2012). Computer-generated test interpretation in custody matters. *New York Family Law Monthly*. September.
- Martindale, D., Tippins, T., Ben-Porath, Y. Wittmann, J., & Austin, W. (2012). Assessment instrument selection should be guided by validity analysis not professional plebiscite: Response to a flawed survey. *Family Court Review*, 50 (3), 502-507.
- Wittmann, J.P. (2012). Bias in custody evaluations. *New York Family Law Monthly*. January.
- AFCC (2011). Mental Health Consultants and Child Custody Evaluations: A Discussion Paper. Deutsch, R., Fee, W., Shepard, A., Gould-Saltman, D., Lee, M., Lehr, M., Martindale, D., McCarthy, M., Medoff, D., Melcher, C., Ortiz, P., Paulseth, D., Wittmann, J. & Hunter, L. (2011). *Family Court Review*, 49 (4), 723-736.
- Wittmann, J.P. (2011). Guidelines for the role of therapist for court-involved families. *New York Family Law Monthly*. May.
- Gould, J., Martindale, D., Tippins, T., & Wittmann, J.P. (2011). Emerging principles regarding role differences between a testifying expert and a non-testifying trial consultant. *Journal of Child Custody*, 8 (1-2), 32-46.
- Wittmann, J.P. (2009). Forensic Custody Assessments: Separating the Wheat from the Chaff. *New York Family Law Monthly*, 11(3), November.
- Wittmann, J.P. (2009). A domestic violence typology. *New York Family Law Monthly*, 10 (11), July.
- Wittmann, J.P. (2008). Expert witness vs. trial consultant. *New York Family Law Monthly*, 9(7), March.
- Tippins, T.M. and Wittmann, J.P. (2006). The empirical forensic model: conjectures and refutations. *New York Law Journal* (October 4<sup>th</sup> issue).
- Wittmann, J.P. (2006). Does clinical experience increase forensic reliability? *New York Family Law Monthly*, 5(1) January.

- Wittmann, J.P. & Tippins, T. (2005). Psychologists unqualified to make custody recommendations. *The National Psychologist*, 14 (6) p. 12, 18.
- Wittmann, J.P. (2005). Coping with a difficult ex. *Divorce Magazine*. March, 2005.
- Tippins, T. M., & Wittmann, J. P. (2005). Empirical and ethical problems with custody recommendations: A call for clinical humility and judicial vigilance. *Family Court Review*, 43, 193–222.
- Tippins, T.M. & Wittmann, J.P., (2005) "A Third Call: Restoring the Noble Empirical Principles of Two Professions." *Family Court Review*, 43, 270-282.
- Wittmann, J.P. (2004). Forensic domestic violence assessments. *New York Family Law Monthly*, 6 (2) November, 2004.
- Wittmann, J.P. (2004). Divorcing parents go to school: The Implications of Judge Kaye's Initiative for Families and Attorneys. *New York Family Law Monthly*, 5 (1) January, 2004.
- Wittmann, J.P. (2003). Words matter: Ten tips to cool those heated conversations with your ex. *Your Stepfamily magazine*, May/June 2003.
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- Wittmann, J.P. (2003). Dealing with complaints. *Divorce Magazine*, March 2003, Vol 7 (1).
- Wittmann, J.P. (2002). Evaluating the evaluator: Assessing the quality of forensic custody assessments. *The Matrimonial Strategist*, December 2002, XX (11), 1-4.
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- Wittmann, J.P. (1988). Family therapists as expert witnesses: Helping family court understand a new language. *The Journal of Psychiatry and Law*, 16, 91-104.
- Wittmann, J.P., Strohmer, D. & Prout, T. (1987). Problems presented by mentally retarded and borderline intelligence persons in counseling. *Journal of Applied Rehabilitation Counseling*.
- Wittmann, J.J.P. (1986). A factor analytic study of religious motivation. *Psychological Reports*, 58, 457-458.
- Wittmann, J.J.P. (1985). Child advocacy and the scientific model in family court: A theory for pre-trial self-assessment. *The Journal of Psychiatry and Law*, 13(1), 61-82.

## TEACHING AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

**Ethics Bootcamp: Difficult Questions for Mental Health Professionals.** (With Frank Davis, PhD, Lyn Greenberg, PhD, Shely Polak, PhD) (Spring, 2020). AFCC 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA, 5/31/23.

**Bias in Custody Evaluations: Tips for Attorneys and Solutions for Evaluators.** Webinar for the NY Interdisciplinary Forum, 6/8/23.

**Are Algorithmically Generated Plans in Our Future?** (With David Martindale, PhD, ABPP). AFCC 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Chicago, 5/13/22.

**Subpoena, Deposition and Testimony.** (With David Martindale, PhD, ABPP). Supreme Court of Ohio Child Custody Evaluator Project, video-recording, Spring 2022.

**Custody Evaluations: Are Quality and Affordability in Conflict?** (With April Harris-Britt and David Martindale, PhD, ABPP). AFCC Fall Conference, Cincinnati, 11/12/21.

**When a Lawyer Needs a Psychologist** (With Nancy Kelman, Esq.). AFCC-AAML Conference on Advanced Issues in Child Custody. Washington DC/Virtual, 9/24/21.

**We Have Met the Enemy and They Are Us: Psychologists Harming the Adjudicative Process.** (With David Martindale, PhD, ABPP). American Psychological Association Annual Convention, for American Psychology-Law Society, Division 41, 8/21).

**Update on Remote Child Custody Evaluations** (With Timothy Tippins, Esq & Hon. Richard Dollinger. NYS Office of Court Administration, 3/17/21.

**Update on Remote Child Custody Evaluations and Forensic Psychology Update.** Presented for Matlaw Corp. as continuing education for lawyers in seven NYS cities (Rochester, Syracuse, Albany, Manhattan, Brooklyn, White Plains, Long Island), Spring, 2021.

**Playing Defense: Tips for designing Custody Assessments to Withstand Attack** (with David Martindale, PhD, ABPP). AFCC 14<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Child Custody, virtual, 11/11/20.

**Research Toolbox: Integrating Research into a Custody Assessment Practice** (with David Martindale, PhD, ABPP). AFCC Fall Conference, Pittsburgh, 11/1/19).

**The Use of Social Science Research in Family Law: From Research to Practice** (With Marsha Klein Pruett, PhD, Lorie Nachlis, JD, Hon. William Fee). Seven hour seminar. AFCC annual conference, Toronto, Canada, 6/8/19.

**Effective Interviews of Children and Adults and The Roles of the Child's Therapist.**

Presented for Matlaw Corp. as continuing education for lawyers in seven NYS cities (Rochester, Syracuse, Albany, Manhattan, Brooklyn, White Plains, Long Island), May, 2019.

**Assisting Attorneys Behind the Scenes: Trail Consultation Basics.** AFCC Webinar, 3/19/19.

**Carnac or Clarification: Testifying about People We Have Never Seen.** NYC Interdisciplinary Forum. December 13, 2018.

**Town Hall Meeting: AFCC Model Standards of Practice for Child Custody Evaluation (Moderator)** (With Aaron Robb, PhD, S. Margaret Lee, PhD, Fran Fontana, Esq, David Martindale, PhD, ABPP). AFCC symposium on child custody, Denver, Co. 11/9/18.

**Providing Effective Testimony in Litigated Child Custody Disputes.** (With David Martindale. PhD, ABPP and Lawrence Braunstein, Esq). AFCC symposium on child custody, Denver, Co, 11/8/18.

**How to Assess a Forensic Report in a Custody Case.** New York State Annual Judicial Institute training program, White Plains, NY, 7/18.

**Carnac or Clarification: Testifying about People We Have Never Seen.** (With David Martindale. PhD, ABPP and Hon. Jane Pearl). AFCC annual conference, Washington, DC, 6/8/18.

**Bias in Custody Evaluations.** Presented for Matlaw Corp. as continuing education for lawyers in seven NYS cities (Rochester, Syracuse, Albany, Manhattan, Brooklyn, White Plains, Long Island), May, 2018.

**The Mental Health Consultant (with David Martindale, Ph.D; ABPP).** AFCC-NY/AAML conference (To Be or Not to Be: Ethical and Legal Considerations in the Expanding Role of Mental Health Professionals in Family Law Proceedings. New York City Bar Association, 12/8/17.

**Empirically Anchored Custody Reports: Giving the Courts the Best We Have.** Nassau/Suffolk Counties Judicial Training, Hofstra University, 11/20/17

**Mental Health Consultants Assisting Attorneys: Tips, Potholes, and Conundrums (With Thomas Wolfrum, Esq).** AFCC/AAML – Advanced Issues in Child Custody: Evaluation, Litigation, and Settlement. San Diego, 9/15/17- 9/16.17.

**Bias in Custody Evaluations: Solutions for Evaluators and Attorneys.** (With Timothy Tippins, Esq and Lawrence Braunstein, Esq). AFCC annual conference, Boston, 6/1/17.

**Update on The Psychology of Domestic Violence.** Albany Medical Center Grand Rounds, 4/5/17.

- Custody Assessment Analysis (with David Martindale, Phd, ABPP).** AFCC 12<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, Atlanta, 11/1/16.
- Snubbing The DSM-5: Reports Without Diagnoses. (With David Martindale, Phd, ABPP, and Hon Jane Pearl).** AFCC Annual Conference, Seattle, May 2016.
- Evaluating Evaluations: A Custody Assessment Analysis System for Attorneys and Judges.** Keynote Address for The South Carolina Bar Association. 12/4/15.
- Alienation: Identification is not Enough (with Louise Truax, Esq).** AFCC/AAML – Washington DC, Advanced Issues in Child Custody: Evaluation, Litigation, and Settlement. 10/1/15 – 10/3/15.
- Empirically Anchored Custody Reports: Giving the Courts the Best We Have.** Keynote/Panel Participant for the NY Appellate Divisions First and Second Depts, Benjamin N. Cardoza Law School, 6/19/16.
- How to Analyze, Present and Challenge Forensic Reports and Testimony. (With David Martindale, PhD, ABPP).** AFCC New Orleans, Children in the Court System: Different Doors, Different Responses, Different Outcomes, 5/27/15 -- 5/30/15.
- Analyzing Child Custody Reports/Peer-Review Testimony.** Presented for Matlaw Corp. as continuing education for lawyers in seven NYS cities (Rochester, Syracuse, Albany, Manhattan, Brooklyn, White Plains, Long Island), 5/5/15 – 5/21/15.
- Evaluating Evaluations: A Custody Assessment Analysis System for Attorneys.** Westchester Women's Bar Association, 4/25/15.
- The Empirical Forensic Model: Applications for Custody and Access Assessment.** Washington Square Institute, NYC, NY. 3/24/15.
- Town Hall Meeting: Examining the Unintended Consequences of Child Custody Evaluations.** Plenary/Town Hall Meeting with panel (Aaron Robb, Dianna Gould-Saltman, Leslie Ellen Shear, Arnold Sheinvoid). AFCC 11<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, San Antonio, TX 11/6/14-11/8/14.
- Deadly Sins: Learning from our mistakes as evaluators.** Presented with David Martindale, PhD and Timothy Tippins, Esq. at the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of AFCC, Toronto, CA, 5/29/14.
- The Psychology of Negotiation.** Presented for Matlaw Corp. as continuing education for lawyers in seven NYS cities (Rochester, Syracuse, Albany, Manhattan, Brooklyn, White Plains, Long Island), 4/30/13 – 5/14/13.
- What Lawyers Can Teach Mental Health Professionals: Rules of Evidence, Courtroom Procedure and Etiquette, and Terminology.** Presented with Gary Nickelson, Esq. at the first joint conference of AFCC and AAML: Advanced Issues in Child Custody, Philadelphia, 9/15/12-9/17/12.

**Ethical Issue: Zealous Advocacy vs Best Issues.** Presented with Andrew Schepard, Esq. and Cary Mogerman, Esq. at the first joint conference of AFCC and AAML: Advanced Issues in Child Custody, Philadelphia, 9/15/12-9/17/12.

**Evaluating Evaluations: A Custody Assessment Analysis System for Attorneys.** Presented at the annual meeting of the matrimonial section of the NY State Bar Association, July 13, 2012.

**Complex custody issues and ethical implications for the attorney for the child.** Presented with Michele Brown, Esq. at the Attorney for the Child Update, NY Office of Court Administration, Albany NY, June 11, 2012.

**Zealous Advocacy and Children's Best Interests: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Ethical Dilemmas and Practice of Family Law.** Full day advances workshop presented with Andrew Schepard, Esq., Cary Mogerman, Esq. Stacey Platt, Esq, Joy Feinberg, Esq. at AFCC 49 Annual Conference, Chicago 6/6/12.

**Psychology and the Law: Negotiation Strategies.** Presented with Timothy Tippins, Esq. and Alan Tuckman, MD to the Rockland County Bar Association. 4/17/12.

**Evaluating Evaluations: A Custody Assessment Analysis System for Attorneys.** Presented at the Suffolk County Bar Association, March 2012.

**Child Custody and Access Assessments.** The University at Albany Department of Clinical Psychology, Ethics and Practices Seminar. Annual presentation, beginning 2011.

**Mental Health Counseling and Therapy (Part of seminar entitled "Teach the Parents Well: Can We Save Families Through Court-Ordered Behavioral Education?")** Presented with Nancy Erickson, Esq, Kerry Moles, LMSW, Peter Favaro, Ph.D., Claude Schleuderer, Ph.D., Eileen Treacy, Ph.D. Training seminar for the New York State Bar Association Committee on Children and the Law, Annual Meeting, New York, 1/28/11.

**Overview of Forensic Custody Evaluations (With emphasis on domestic violence cases).** Faculty for Intensive Trial Skills Seminar, Albany Law School, Spring 2010, 2011, 2012.

**The Empirical Forensic Model: Principles of Application for Custody and Access Assessments.** Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Ninth Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, Cambridge MA, 10/29/10.

**Empirical Limitations in Custody Assessments: Judicial Vigilance, Clinical Humility, and the EFM Model.** American Academy of Psychiatry and Law 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting. Presented with Glenn Miller, MD, Robert Galatzer-Levy, MD, & Phil Stahl, Ph.D. Tucson, AZ 10/21/10.

**Mental Health Experts and Parental Competency Cases.** Training seminar for the New York State Bar Association "2010 Legal Assistance Partnership." Presented with Christine Waters, Esq, Katy Kaplan, MsEd, Jennifer Mathis, Esq. Albany, NY. 6/15/10

- The Intersection of Law and Psychology in Child Custody Matters.** Training seminar for the North Dakota Judicial Training Institute. Grand Forks, ND. 5/20/09.
- Domestic Violence Update: Custody and Access Matters.** Training presentation for Third Department Law Guardian Panel. Albany, NY. 4/24/09.
- Child Custody: Psychological and Legal Intersections.** Cardozza Law School Symposium on Family Law. New York, NY. Co-presented with Timothy Tippins, Esq. 3/25/09.
- Testimonial and non-Testimonial Roles in Child Custody Cases.** Co-presented with Jonathan Gould, Ph.D. and Timothy Tippins, Esq. at the Eighth International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, 9/26/08.
- The Intersection of Law and Psychology in Child Custody Matters.** Invited lecture at the joint conference ABA-APA: Reconceptualizing Child Custody: Past, Present, and Future – Lawyers and Psychologists Working Together. Co-presented with Stephen Anderer, Esq., 5/2/08.
- How to Cross Examine the Expert Witness: The Dissection of Forensic Custody Testimony.** Invited faculty for Matlaw Systems Annual Update program for attorneys (Rochester, Albany, White Plains, Manhattan, Long Island), 5/07.
- Forensic Update on Psychological Research and Theory.** Invited faculty for Matlaw Systems Annual Update program for attorneys (Rochester, Albany, White Plains, Manhattan, Long Island), 11/06 & 12/06.
- To Recommend or not to Recommend.** Invited plenary debate to the International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluation, Atlanta, 10/06.
- Analyzing Forensic Custody Reports.** Invited address to the annual meeting of the NYS Women's Bar Association, 5/06.
- Forensic Psychology.** Doctoral course taught in conjunction with William McIntyre, Ph.D. at SUNY Albany for the Counseling Psychology Department. Summer 2005. Fall, 2008.
- Empirical and Ethical Problems with Custody Recommendations: A Call for Clinical Humility and Judicial Vigilance.** Invited seminar for American Judicial College, New Hampshire, 3/16/05.
- Empirical and Ethical Problems with Custody Recommendations: A Call for Clinical Humility and Judicial Vigilance.** Invited seminar for the NYS Unified Court System's Judicial Training Institute for the Appellate and Appeals Court Judges of the State of NY. West Point, 10/29/05
- Empirical and Ethical Problems with Custody Recommendations: A Call for Clinical Humility and Judicial Vigilance.** Invited seminar for the Suffolk County Academy of Law, 4/28/04.

**Empirical and Ethical Problems with Custody Recommendations: A Call for Clinical Humility and Judicial Vigilance.** Invited seminar for the Westchester Bar Association. 11/10/04

**Wittmann, J.P. (2004, October). Should Evaluators Recommend? The Ultimate Issue.** Plenary/Keynote panel address to the Sixth International Symposium On Child Custody Evaluations, Nashville.

**Empirical and Ethical Problems with Custody Recommendations: A Call for Clinical Humility and Judicial Vigilance.** Invited seminar for the Brooklyn Law Guardian Panel. 11/10/04

**Empirical and Ethical Problems with Custody Recommendations: A Call for Clinical Humility and Judicial Vigilance.** Invited seminar for the NYS Unified Court System's Judicial Training Institute, White Plains NY, Long Island NY, presented together with Timothy Tippins, Esq., seven institutes, 3/04 – 3/05.

**Current Developmental and Family Research on the Psychology of Divorce.** Invited Psychiatric Grand Rounds Lecture for Albany Medical College, presented 3/3/04.

**Transformative Metaphors for Child Centered Divorce Mediation.** Invited seminar for mediation staff at Mediation Matters, the public sector divorce mediation program in Albany County, 2/11/04.

**The Psychology of Divorce.** Invited lecture to medical students at Albany Medical College, 11/16/01, 11/15/02, 1/14/03, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008.

***The Ex Factor: Helping Clients Cope with Difficult Ex-Spouses.* Presentation at the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. (May, 2003).**

**Forensic Psychology in Family Court Settings.** Annual invited lecture to the senior psychology major seminar in forensic psychology at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, (2001 & 2002)

**Divorce Psychology: What We Now Know.** An invited lecture for the Appellate Division's Third Department law guardian seminar held at Skidmore College, 9/25/03.

**The Alienated Child: Diagnostic and Treatment Considerations.** Invited lecture to psychiatric grand rounds at Four Winds Hospital, 11/9/01.

**Spiritual Consciousness as a Therapeutic Tool.** Invited address to the New York State Psychological Association. (May, 2001, May)

**Coping with Mental Health Witnesses in Custody Litigation.** Principle psychology faculty member for the Matlaw Systems Corp. conferences held in Rochester, Albany, Manhattan, and Long Island with Timothy Tippins, Esq. Fall 2001 - present.

**Joint Custody: Is it Really Good for Children?** Invited address to the Third Department Appellate Division Law Guardian Program, 4/5/01.

**Direct and Cross-Examination: Evidentiary Considerations and Courtroom Demonstration.** Invited presenter of workshop and lecture, together with Timothy Tippins, Esq., Cynthia Cornaire, Esq., and Stephen Gassman, Esq., at the annual meeting of the matrimonial section of the New York State Bar Association, 7/15/00.

**Handling High Conflict Custody Cases: Psychological Red Flags.** Invited address to Third Department Law Guardian Panel. (4/17/98)

**Invited Testimony to the New York State Senate Standing Committee on Children and Families,** Senator Stephan Saland Chairman. Topic: Psychological opinion regarding implications for children of proposed changes in New York State matrimonial law

**Co-Director & Faculty,** *Family Separation and Adjustment Program and Kids First.* A 5 ½ hour course for divorced parents to help parents prevent distress in their children (1991-present).

**Faculty,** Continuing Education Programs for Matrimonial Attorneys and Law Guardians, Third District Appellate Court. Lectures in upstate New York on topics related to court-related Psychological Issues (topics in addition to those above, including divorce, custody, visitation, expert witness testimony, dynamics of family dissolution, high conflict families, alienation). (1991-present).

**Anchoring and syndrome severity as determinants of diagnostic overshadowing.** Wittmann, J.P., Strohmer, D.C., Haase, R., & Prout, H.T. (1990, August). Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

**Co-Director of Consultation Service,** *Developmental Associates, Saratoga, N.Y.* Services Provided: Inservice training to community residence agencies serving mentally retarded and dual-diagnosed clients. Supervised three employees. (9/85-5/87).

**Problems presented by mentally retarded and borderline intelligence persons in counseling.** Wittmann, J.P., Strohmer, D.C., and Prout, H.T (1987, August). Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, New York, N.Y.

**Community Lectures.** Public presentations to a variety of professional and non-professional audiences on a range of topics, including the following: Adolescent Psychopathology, Forensic Psychology, Custody Evaluations, Child and Adolescent Arsonists, Identifying the Suicidal Adolescent, Discipline for Young Children, Client Advocacy and Social Science, Therapy with Chronically Litigating Families, Therapeutic Strategies With Divorced Adults, The Unresolved Divorce, Survival as a Stepfamily, Coping When your Ex is "Driving You Crazy," Sacred Parenting: Life with our Children as a Spiritual Path. Lectures occurred from 1983 to present.

**Law and the Mental Health Profession.** Two day workshop presented with Kathleen Mooney, Albany attorney, for Catholic Family and Community Services. Participants were mental health professionals from various counties. Focused on legal, psychological, and ethical issues related to family court cases often encountered by such professionals. (2/84).

**A Factor analytic study of religious motivation.** Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C. (1982, August).

**Graduate Teaching Assistant, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.** Team-taught and assisted in undergraduate courses in infant, child, adolescent and adult development, human sexuality, statistics, and death and dying. (8/79-5/81). Supervised by Marvin Berkowitz, Ph.D.

## RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

**Doctoral Dissertation Research, State University of New York at Albany, Albany, N.Y.** Anchoring and Syndrome Severity as Moderators of Diagnostic Overshadowing (1989).

**Research Fellowship, State University of New York at Albany, Albany, N.Y.** Project focused on the development of an adaptive behavior scale for the developmentally disabled. (9/85-6/86) Supervised by Douglas Strohmer, Ph.D. and H. Thompson Prout, Ph.D.

**Research Assistantship, State University of New York at Albany, Albany, N.Y.** Designed and implemented research on problems presented to counselors by clients of mentally retarded and borderline intelligence (9/86-6/87).

**Masters Thesis: A Factor-Analytic Study of Religious Motivation, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.** Research involving the development of a religious motivation inventory. (11/80-7/81) Supervised by Marvin Berkowitz, Ph.D.

**Graduate Independent Study: The Relationship Between Religious Orientation and Interpersonal Orientation, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.** Unpublished research. (8/80-12/80).

**Research Assistant:** Assisted Raymond McCall, Ph.D. in phenomenological research on personal agency vs determinism. Included personally requested tutoring in phenomenological psychology/philosophy.

## CURRENT CLINICAL RESPONSIBILITIES: EMPLOYMENT

**Licensed Psychologist/Trial Consultant, *Child Custody Forensics & Madison Psychological Associates PLLC, Albany NY.***

Private practice initially focused on forensic services to the legal community along with treatment for court-involved and non-involved children and parents (3/91 to approx 2013). Practice included the following evaluative services: Custody and visitation evaluations, child abuse, domestic violence, and JD and PINS evaluations. Approximately 1200 child-related forensic evaluations completed (including approx 1000 custody assessments).

Since approx 2006: National forensic consultation practice including peer reviews (work product reviews), expert testimony, cross-examination assistance regarding experts, and in-court trial assistance (from approx 2006 – present).

**Psychologist-Faculty Member, MatLaw Systems Inc.** Seminar presenter with Timothy Tippins, Esq. of instructional programs for trial lawyers in New York State (Manhattan, Long island, Rochester, Syracuse, Brooklyn, Albany, White Plains). (12/01 – present – see above)

**Law Enforcement Evaluation Consultant, for *Public Safety Psychology, PLLC., Albany, N.Y.*** Consultant to NYS regarding selection of corrections officers, state troopers, park police, and DMV investigators. Conducted approx 4500 psychological screenings of law enforcement candidates. 1/96-present.

**PAST CLINICAL RESONSIBILITIES:  
EMPLOYMENT**

**Co-Director, *Kids First after Divorce., Albany, New York.*** Co-author and lecturer for this psychoeducational program focused on helping separating parents develop the skills for preventing unnecessary distress in their children. 1991-2012.

**Court Psychologist (Forensic), *Saratoga County Mental Health Center, Saratoga, N.Y..*** Family Court-ordered psychological evaluations for PINS, juvenile delinquency, custody, and abuse-neglect cases. Regular testimony and consultation to court, probation and Social Services. Family and individual treatment and emergency services for outpatient children, adolescents, and parents presenting with a wide range of adjustment problems and disorders. 38 hours per week. Approx 216 forensic evaluations (9/89-5/91) Supervised by Frank Archangelo, Ph.D. and Maria Kuethe, Ph.D.

**Supervising Psychologist, *Saratoga Association for Retarded Citizens, 1998-2005.*** Psychological evaluations, competency assessments, and supervision of masters-level clinicians.

**Psychology Doctoral Intern, *Albany Psychology Internship Consortium, VA Medical Center, Albany, N.Y.*** Forensic Psychology Rotation (9/89-12/89): Albany County Mental Health Clinic. Custody Evaluations. Adult forensic evaluations for criminal responsibility, competency to stand trial, suicide assessment for inmates, parole and probation decisions, personnel selection for Sheriff's Department. Outpatient Rotation (1/89-4/89): Albany VA Medical Center, Mental Hygiene Clinic. Psychotherapy and testing

with veterans presenting with a wide range of disorders. Inpatient Rotation (5/59-8/89): Albany VA Medical Center, Chemical Dependency and Post Traumatic Stress Unit. Group and individual psychotherapy, testing, instruction, and case management with substance abuse and PTSD population. Long-Term Psychotherapy Program: (9/88-8/89) AVMC and Albany Medical College Outpatient Psychiatry Clinic.

**Behavior Specialist**, *Living Resources Corporation, Albany, N.Y.* Consultation to residential staff regarding behavioral and emotional problems presented by clients of moderately retarded to borderline intellectual functioning and dual-diagnosed clients. Psychological evaluations. Psychotherapy with regular case load of individual clients and couples. Staff training and supervision. 15 hours weekly. (6/87-8/88) Supervised by H. Thompson Prout, Ph.D.

**Youth Team Family Therapist**, *South Central Mental Health Clinic, Bloomington, Indiana.* Systems-oriented family therapy with multiple problem families. Individual therapy with children and adolescents presenting with a wide range of adjustment problems and disorders. Co-therapist for Parent-Child Interaction Group with court-referred abusive and neglectful families. Family Court evaluation. 40 hours weekly, (temporary 3-month position, 5/86-8/86). Supervised by Patricia Agnew, Ph.D.

**Private Behavioral Consultation**, *Saratoga Association for Retarded Citizens, Saratoga, N.Y., and Ravena House of Coeymans, Ravena, N.Y.* Consultation regarding treatment planning for retarded and dual-diagnosed adults in day treatment and residential settings, staff training, testing, utilization review. (6/84-1/86).

**Assistant Psychologist (Forensic)**, *Youth Services Team, Saratoga County Mental Health Center, Saratoga, N.Y.* Developed the center's youth and family forensic services. 38 hours per week. Approx 470 forensic evaluations (5/83-8/85) Supervised by Gerald Berger, Ph.D. and William Long, Ph.D.

**Behavior Specialist**, *Albany County Association for Retarded Children, Albany, N.Y.* Design of behavior modification programs for 110 Day Treatment clients. Consultation to teachers and clinical staff, interpretation of behavioral statistics, staff training. Design of new Behavior Unit. Chairman, Staff Committee to the Board of Directors. 40 hours per week. (12/81-5/83).

**Psychiatric Counselor**, *Rehabilitation Support Services, Albany, N.Y.* Live-in supervision and counseling with chronically psychotic adults. Responsible for individual counseling, client supervision, training in self-care skills, and supervision of medication. 25 to 40 hours per week. (summer position, 6/80-8/80).

**Mental Health Counselor**, *O.D. Heck Developmental Center, Schenectady, N.Y.* Special education of severely retarded adolescents. Task analyses and design and implementation of educational and behavior programs. 40 hours per week. (6/78-8/78).

## **CLINICAL EXPERIENCE: GRADUATE TRAINING**

**Doctoral Practicum in Psychotherapy and Assessment**, *Veteran's Administration Hospital, Albany, N.Y.* Medical and health psychology. Psychological assessment of sexual dysfunction patients and varied consultations with medical services. Biofeedback with patients referred for stress-related difficulties. Individual and couples therapy. Eight hours per week. (9/87-12/87). Supervised by Susan Daly, Ph.D.

**Doctoral Practicum in Psychotherapy**, *Psychological Services Center, Albany, N.Y.* Intake interviews, testing, and both individual and group psychotherapy. Adults and couples treatment for a variety of adjustment, affective, anxiety, sexual, and personality disorders and for career-related difficulties. (9/86-10/87). Supervised by Monroe Bruch, Ph.D., Myrna Friedlander, Ph.D. and David Blustein, Ph.D.

**Group Co-therapist**, *Good Samaritan Medical Center and Jackson Psychiatric Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.* Co-led long term, open psychotherapy groups for outpatient substance-abuse clients with interpersonal adjustment difficulties. (2/81-10/81). Supervised by Joan Sauer, CAS.

**Masters Practicum Child and Adult Assessment**, *Marquette Psychological Services, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.* Administration of assessment batteries to clients referred from the community and presenting with varied adjustment, conduct, attention-deficit, personality, and affective disorders. Interpretation and reporting of results. Consultation with parents. Batteries included intelligence tests and both objective and projective personality instruments. (8/80-5/81). Supervised by Anthony Kuchan, Ph.D., Mary Ann Siderits, Ph.D., and Raymond J. McCall, Ph.D.

**Diagnostic Interviews**, *Waupun State Prison, Wisconsin.* Interviewed inmates referred for psychological evaluation at a maximum security prison. Supervised by Raymond J. McCall. Ph.D.

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION: FORENSIC, DIVORCE, CUSTODY, & VISITATION**

### **Selected Clinical Training Workshops/Seminars Attended:**

*Divorce Mediation*, (John Haynes, 6/83);

*Custody and Visitation Consultation*, (Aaron Hoorwitz, Ph.D., 4/84);

*Children and Divorce*, (Presented by Neil Kalter, Ph.D., 10/89);

Divorce Mediation (40 hour course, Carl Schneider & Zena Zumeta, 4/92),

Advanced Divorce Mediation (6 Hour Course, Carl Schneider & Zena Zumeta, 9/92);

*Lawyers and Psychologists working Together*, Joint meeting of family-related sections of the American Psychological Association and the American Bar Association, (included specialized forensic training in custody evaluation practice, custody-relevant psychological testing, psycho-legal issues relevant to custody practice, and various research updates regarding child and family variables critical to divorce-related assessment, 14.5 CEU credits/97).

*Legal and Mental Health Perspectives on Child Custody Law* (National Practice Institute advanced seminar for psychologists, lawyers, and Judges regarding current status of

psychological research and case law relevant to child custody determinations, 12 CEU credits, 2/99).

*Alienation, Access, and Attachment: Balancing Legal Issues with the Needs of the Family*, (Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, 13.5 CEU Credits, 6/00).

Conflict Resolution, Children and the Courts, (Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, 14.5 CEU Credits, 5/01),

*High Conflict Families and the Courts*, (Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, 5.5 CEU Credits, 3/02),

Change and Challenge: 40 Years of Evolution in Families, Courts, and Communities (Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, 13.5 CEU Credits, 5/03) .

Plenary Key note panel and student at Sixth International Conference on Child Custody Evaluations (Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, 7.5 CEU Credits, 10/04).

Introduction to Forensic Psychology and (2) Effective and Ethical Courtroom Testimony (American Academy of Forensic Psychology, 4/13/05 & 4/14/05, 14 CEU credits).

Student and presenter at the joint conference ABA-APA: Reconceptualizing Child Custody: Past, Present, and Future – Lawyers and Psychologists Working Together. (Multiples CEU Credits regarding forensic issues and divorce psychology), 5/2/08.

Student and presenter at the Eighth International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, Albuquerque, NM, 9/26/08 (Multiple CEU Credits regarding forensic issues and divorce psychology).

Cultural Competence and Humility. Seminar presented by New York State Parent Education and Awareness Program as support for divorce-related parent training, 9/22/09, (1.5 hours via webinar).

Student at the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of AFCC, Denver, CO (Multiple CEU Credits regarding forensic issues and divorce psychology), June 2010.

Student and presenter at the American Academy of Psychiatry and Law 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting. (Training regarding the psychology of alienation). 10/21/10.

Student and presenter at the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of AFCC, Chicago, June, 2012 (Multiple CEU Credits regarding forensic issues and divorce psychology).

Student, AFCC-NY, Resorting to Plan B: An In-Depth Look at Supervised Visitation from a Clinical and Legal Perspective, November 22, 2013, New York City (4.0 CEU credits).

Student, AFCC- Baltimore, The Model Standards and Beyond: Custody Evaluations and Risk Management, 12/2/13 – 12/3/13 (12 CEU credits).

Student and presenter, AFCC Toronto, Navigating the Waters of Shared Parenting, 5/28/14 – 5/31/14 (8.75 CEU credits).

Student and Presenter, AFCC San Antonio, Child Custody Evaluations: Examining Unintended Consequences, 11/6/14 – 11/8/14 (7.5 CEU credits).

Student and presenter, AFCC New Orleans, Children in the Court System: Different Doors, Different Responses, Different Outcomes, 5/27/15 -- 5/30/15. (12.00 CUE credits)

Student and Presenter, AFCC/AAML – Washington DC, Advanced Issues in Child Custody: Evaluation, Litigation, and Settlement. 10/1/15 – 10/3/15. (12 CEU credits).

Student and Presenter, AFCC Annual Conference, May 2016

Student and Presenter, AFCC 12<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, Atlanta, Nov 2016.

Student and Presenter, AFCC annual conference, Boston, June, 2017. (10.0 CEU credits)

Student and Presenter, AFCC/AAML – Advanced Issues in Child Custody: Evaluation, Litigation, and Settlement. San Diego, Sept 2017. (11.5 CEU credits)

Student and Presenter, AFCC annual conference, Washington, DC, June, 2018. (5.50 CEU credits)

Student and Presenter, AFCC 13<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, Denver, Nov 2018. (4.5 CEU credits)

Student and Presenter, AFCC 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Denver, Nov 2018.

**Clinical Supervision:** Supervision with mediation expert Karl Schneider, PhD regarding divorce mediation, (5/92-10/93).

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION: SEXUAL ABUSE AND FAMILY VIOLENCE**

#### **Selected Clinical Training Workshops/Seminars:**

*Child Sexual Abuse Validation* (Panel of national experts, APA convention, 8/90);

*Child sexual Abuse: Assessment and Treatment*, (Jan Hindman, 10/90);

*Sex, Love, and Violence* (Treatment of sexually and physically abusive families, Cloe Madanes, 6/90).

*Advanced Clinical Training in Trauma Assessment of Sexually Abused Children* (Jan Hindman, 10/91). Mediation with domestic violence families (Zena Zumeta, 10/92).

*Mutiple domestic and family violence seminars* attended at the divorce-related conferences listed in the prior section.

**Clinical Supervision:** Group supervision regarding assessment and *treatment of sexually abused children* with Jan Hindman, nationally recognized author and expert on sexual trauma (1/90-5/90).

**Domestic Violence Legal Update:** Janet Fink, by PEAB of NYS, 10/27/09.

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION: GENERAL CLINICAL**

**Clinical Training Workshops/Seminars:** *Family Therapy* workshop with Salvador Minuchin (6/89).

**Group Supervision** in *Brief Psychotherapy*. Saratoga County MHC. Supervisor: Frank Archangelo, Ph.D. (9/89-5/91)

**Escaping the Industrialization of Care.** Arthur Kovacs for Nova Southeastern University (7 hrs., 8/95).

**The Grieving Child.** Presented by Dr. James Fogarty for Carondelet Management Institute (6 hrs., 5/98)

**Cultural Humility:** NYS PEAB, 9/22/09.

**Suicide and Self-Mutilation:** Offered by PESI, 10/7/09.

**Cultural Competence/Ethics**, courses 1, 4, and 6. 9 Hours of category 2 continuing education, New Mexico Psychological Association, certified 6/25/13.

## MEDIA APPEARANCES AND CONSULTATION

**WRGB**, Albany, Interviewed regarding KIDS FIRST, 6/97.

**WXXA**, Albany, Interviewed regarding high conflict divorce, spring 2000.

**TV News 12, Westchester**, Bill Sampson, Interviewed regarding Custody Chaos book, 10/11/01.

**Metro Networks Westwood One** and WPEN (Broadcast to 1700 stations), Interviewed by Bill Taffo regarding Custody Chaos book, 10/11/01.

**Bloomberg Radio, WBBR AM, The Money Show**, Interviewed regarding Custody Chaos Book by "Charlie and June" , 10/11/01. Interviewed again on 3/22/02.

**The Columbus Dispatch**, Interviewed by Rosanne Rosen regarding Custody Chaos book, 10/23/02

**Times Union, Albany**, Interviewed by Lysa Smith regarding Custody Chaos book, published 11/6/01.

**WNYT, Albany, Benita Zahn Show**, Interviewed regarding Custody Chaos book, 10/28/01.

**CAPTAIN Benefit, Benita Zahn of WNYT**, Interviewed in front of live audience regarding Custody Chaos Book, 11/8/01.

**Single Moms Magazine**, Interviewed regarding Custody Chaos book, 10/17/01.

**Rocky Mountain Times**, Interview with Matt Wolf, published 11/10/01.

**KBSG, Radio Seattle**, Interviewed by Liz Sommers regarding Custody Chaos book, 11/14/01.

**Media Tracks**, interviewed by Pat Roider & broadcast to 147 stations, regarding Custody Chaos book, 11/15/01.

**The Joey Reynolds Show**, WOR in NYC. Interviewed by Joey Reynolds regarding Custody Chaos Book, 11/13/02.

**Voices of the Family**, NPR channel WHYY Philadelphia. Interviewed by Daniel Gottlieb, Ph.D. regarding Custody Chaos Book, 12/9/02.

**Michael Harris Live Show**, CFRA Radio, Ottawa Canada, Interviewed by internationally acclaimed investigative writer and media personality Michael Harris regarding Custody Chaos Book 5/28/03.

**Talk Politics, CPAC** (Canadian cable affairs TV, a c-span equivalent), interviewed by Ken Rockburn regarding the Custody Chaos book, 5/28/03.

**Breakfast at the NewRo Show**, CHRO-TV, Ottawa Canada, television interview regarding the Custody Chaos book, 5/29/03.

**Ottawa Sun**, featured article summarizing interview by Donna Casey regarding the Custody Chaos book and my opinions regarding proposed changes in Canadian divorce law, 5/29/03

**ABC News, Primetime Live**, producers of several upcoming shows on custody evaluators sought guidance in show development and content, and possible interview appearances, from Dr. Wittmann and T.M. Tippins.: Producers Joan Martelli and Naria Halliwell, 6/04.

**New York Times**, front page article featuring interviews held with Dr. Wittmann and Timothy Tippins regarding their scholarly work on the issues of proper forensic clinician roles in custody matters and regarding the Family Court Review article cited above, 5/23/04, by Leslie Eaton.

**New York Law Journal**, front page interview of Dr. Wittmann and Timothy Tippins, Esq. By John Caher regarding their work on proper forensic roles in custody matters, 4/05).

**Psychotherapy Networker**, "The question of custody," summary of the Tippins/Wittmann Custody Recommendations article and interview with Dr. Wittmann, Sept-Oct 2005, by Garry Cooper.

**NPR All Things Considered.** “Evaluators in Child-Custody Cases Scrutinized.” Interviewed by Alix Spiegel regarding the role of mental health professionals in custody matters, 11/21/07.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Member, American Psychological Association.

Member, NYS Psychological Association

Member, American Psychology Law Society

Member, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (National).

Founding Member, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (NYS Chapter).