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FORENSIC AND CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY
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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

A licensed psychologist, I possess a combination of education, background and skills necessary to understand, identify and explain the complex constellation of interacting factors that shape the lives of clients. As a forensic psychologist, I provide consultation services, conduct comprehensive and thorough psychological assessments and evaluations, as well as psychosocial mitigation investigation and consultation services in capital and non-capital, state and federal court cases, at trial, sentencing, appellate and habeas levels. My clinical experience providing psychotherapy to children, adolescents and adults victims of crime includes treatment of depression, anxiety, relationship problems, posttraumatic stress syndrome and domestic violence, as well as sexual, physical and emotional abuse. Because of this background I have a special sensibility to the impact of trauma. This perspective and training as a Defense Based Victim Outreach Specialist, enable me to provide outreach services and act as a vital link between the defense team and the victim or victim's family. I have also received extensive training and education on issues related to mental health and the law. My professional interest and expertise focus primarily on issues faced by immigrants, particularly Latinos. An immigrant myself, I am fully bilingual in Spanish and English with an awareness of different cultures and culturally competent with regard to Latinos. My experience includes conducting investigation in Mexico and other Latin American countries. I am an experienced interviewer in both languages and my work as a court interpreter, certified at the federal and state levels for over thirteen years, has given me extensive knowledge of the justice system.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PRIVATE PRACTICE

9/2007 – Present

Forensic and Clinical Psychology. Psychosocial Consultation, specializing in Latino cases. Psychological and Sentencing assessment and evaluations. Mitigation Consultation and Investigation, in Mexico and the rest Latin America. Victim Outreach. Social Histories. Capital and Non-Capital Cases, State and Federal Courts at Trial, Sentencing, Appellate and Habeas Levels. Psychotherapy. Treatment of Depression, Anxiety, Posttraumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD), Domestic Violence, Sexual, Physical and Emotional Abuse.

BARBARA CORT COUNTER, PH. D., INC. AND ASSOCIATES

1/2005 – 9/2007

Psychological Assistant. Provide psychological consultation and evaluation as well as psychological mitigation services in capital and non-capital, state and federal court cases, at trial, sentencing, appellate and habeas levels, under Dr. Counter's direct supervision. Conduct research and investigation. Provide victim outreach as well as psychotherapy to individuals, couples and groups.

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VICTIMS OF CRIME COUNSELING CENTER

2000 – 2003 4/2006 – 1/2007

Psychological Assistant. Conducted initial evaluations and assessments. Diagnosed and developed treatment plans. Provided individual and family psychotherapy to children, adolescent and adult victims of crime mainly for treatment of depression, anxiety, posttraumatic stress syndrome (PTSD), domestic violence, sexual, physical and emotional abuse, in Spanish and English. Complied with documentation requirements of the State of California. Prepared written reports for social workers, attorneys and other professionals.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURTS

1994 - 2007

Interpreter and Translator. Court interpreter, certified by the State of California and the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. Court Approved translator for the County of Los Angeles. Experience interpreting during all stages of court proceedings, as well as transcribing and translating recorded interviews and other materials.

CAREER ADVANCEMENT CENTERS - Los Angeles, CA

1991 - 1994

Bilingual Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. Managed a large caseload. Provided counseling to Spanish and English speaking injured workers. Conducted vocational testing. Prepared Vocational Rehabilitation Plans for State approval. Provided job development services. Implemented rehabilitation plans and supervised clients. Wrote periodic progress reports. Conducted training workshops in English and Spanish.

BARKSDALE CONTROLS - Los Angeles, CA

1982 - 1991

Sr. Computer Programmer/Analyst. Designed, developed and maintained business systems. Developed specifications and documentation. Assigned work to programmers. User liaison for technical matters. Provided training to staff and users.

EDUCATION

PACIFICA GRADUATE INSTITUTE Ph.D. Clinical Psychology - 2004 - GPA 4.0

RYOKAN COLLEGE M. A. Clinical Psychology

PRESCOTT COLLEGE B. A. Liberal Arts. Minor: Spanish - GPA 4.0

UNIV. OF CALIF. LOS ANGELES (UCLA) Interpretation and Translation Spanish/English - GPA 4.0

UNIV. NACIONAL DE CORDOBA (ARGENTINA) Journalism

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member: American Psychological Association (APA)

Member: Division of Law and Psychology (41, APA)

Member: National Association of Sentencing Advocates