

## Expert Witness Curriculum Vitae – Jennifer French Tomasic

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### **Summary of Expertise**

I work on cases of coercive control and identify patterns of behavior designed to exploit, control, create dependency, influence, and dominate another person. This process may initially include tactics of psychological manipulation such as gaslighting and love bombing which are part of a grooming process. These patterns may include coercive control as it relates to child custody, undue influence, sexual abuse, child abuse, domestic abuse, domestic violence, financial abuse, physical abuse, human trafficking, and deprivation of liberties.

My expertise includes domestic abuse, cults, cultic abuse, and religious and spiritual abuse from the perspective of identifying behavioral patterns and not to diagnose individuals psychologically. Please note, I am not a psychotherapist. I also specialize in sexual consent, date rape, stalking, strangulation, grooming, molestation, reproductive coercion, and the capacity to consent as they relate to tactics and patterns of coercion. I am certified to conduct a variety of assessments including but not limited to the Danger Assessment, Coercive Control Assessment, Trauma Coerced Attachment Assessment, and the DASH (Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Harassment and Honor Based Violence) model.

### **Areas of Expertise:**

- Coercive control related to child custody, undue influence, sexual abuse, child abuse, domestic abuse, domestic violence, financial abuse, physical abuse, human trafficking, and deprivation of liberties.
- Psychological manipulation and undue influence
- Counterintuitive victim behavior
- Sexual consent, date rape, and capacity to consent
- Domestic abuse, domestic violence, stalking, grooming, molestation, rape

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- Freedom of expression or religion
- Cults, religious abuse, and spiritual abuse
- Child custody: psychological manipulation, coercion, and parental alienation
- Reproductive coercion
- Troubled Teen Industry
- False confession

### **Education:**

8.2024-present. Currently enrolled.

- PhD Psychology, Policy & Law. Forensic Victimology. Alliant University. San Diego, CA.
- 2022 Masters in Psychology of Coercive Control (MSc), University of Salford. Salford, UK
- 2008 Masters of Business Administration (MBA), University of Phoenix. Phoenix, AZ
- 2003 Birthwise Midwifery Graduate. Bridgeport, ME
- 1998 Bachelor of Arts (BA), Kenyon College. Gambier, OH

### **Certifications & Certificates**

- 08.2025 Certified in APOD (Analysis of Patterns of Denial). APOD Institute
- 06.2024 Profiling & Preventing Murder In Slow Motion™ Masterclass. Laura Richards.
- 03.2024 Certified Integrative Trauma Coach. Aura Institute
- 11.2023 Certified Human Rights Consultant. US Institute of Diplomacy and Human Rights
- 5.2023 University Accredited DASH (Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Harassment and Honor Based Violence) 2009-2003 Risk Training Certification. Laura Richards.
- 3.2023 Keys To Decoding Coercive Control Certificate. UT College of Social Work.
- 7.2022 Post Cult Counseling Certification. Hope Valley Counseling.
- 2021 Internal Family Systems Level 2 Certification. IFS Institute
- 2019 Internal Family Systems Level I Certification. IFS Institute
- 2003 Certified Professional Midwife (CPM). North American Registry of Midwives (NARM). Expired 2006

### **Professional Organizations & Societies**

- 07.2025-present National Center for Victims of Crime
- 01.2025-present American Society of Criminology
- 01.2025-present World Society of Victimology Member
- 12.2024-present American Bar Association Member
- 12.2024-present End Violence Against Women International Member
- 10.2024-present The American Psychology-Law Society Member
- 12.2023-present Pro-bono Consultant for support group of families with a relative in a cult.
- 11.2023-present Victim-Centered Media Alliance (VCMA). An alliance working toward victim-centered guidelines for interactions with various forms of media.

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06.2023-present	Coercion Coalition Member. An international coalition working toward legislative changes in the United States
2022-present	Salford University Research Associate
2022-present	ICSA (International Cultic Studies Association) Research Committee
2022-present	Religious Recovery Center Board Member & Co-Founder
2000-present	ICSA (International Cultic Studies Association) Member
2000-present	Helping Professional for Dr. Marlene Winell

### Presentations

- 2025 International Cultic Studies Association (ICSA). *Research and Practice Based Recommendations for Mental Health Interventions for Cult Survivors and Their Families*. Co-presented with Dr. Linda Dubrow-Marshall, Dr. Rod Dubrow-Marshall, Ashley McClean, and Kate Amber.
- 2025 International Cultic Studies Association (ICSA). *Respectful conversations in an increasingly polarized world: what have we learned from working with current and former members of cults and victims and survivors of domestic abuse?* Co-presented with Dr. Linda Dubrow-Marshall, Dr. Rod Dubrow-Marshall, and Kate Amber.
- 2024 International Cultic Studies Association (ICSA). *Online Panel: Surviving Patriarchally Infused Coercive Control, Thought Reform, and Totalistic Identity in Relationships and Groups*. Co-presented with Dr. Linda Dubrow-Marshall, Dr. Rod Dubrow-Marshall, and Kate Amber.
- 2024 International Cultic Studies Association (ICSA). *Online Panel: Mental Health Interventions for Cult Survivors: Research Informed Practice*. Co-presented with Dr. Linda Dubrow-Marshall, Dr. Rod Dubrow-Marshall, Ashley McClean, and Andrew Morrison.
- 2024 Not Alone: Conference for Survivors & Helping Professionals. Spiritual Abuse Forum for Education. *Healing After Cults...Spirituality, Self-Help, and Cult-Hoping*. Portland, OR
- 2023 Conference on Religious Trauma (CORT). *A Specialized Approach to Religious Recovery*. Co-presented with Dr. Gillie Jenkinson and Claire Alison Hams.
- 2023 International Cultic Studies Association (ICSA). *Identifying patterns of harmful behavior. The invisible thread revealing connections between domestic abusers and cult leaders*.
- 2023 International Cultic Studies Association (ICSA). *Exploring the Fine Line of Culty in the Online Self-Help Industry*. Co-presented with Jean Brown and Callie Sorensen.
- 2023 British Association of Counseling and Psychotherapy. *Exploring the therapeutic experience of Internal Family Systems (IFS) therapy clients who have self-identified as experiencing coercive control: a qualitative study*. Co-presented with Dr. Linda Dubrow-Marshall and Dr. Rod Dubrow-Marshall.
- 2023 International Cultic Studies Association (ICSA) Research Committee. Self-Care for Researchers.
- 2022 Conference on Religious Trauma (CORT). *Recognizing coercive control in religious communities*.
- 2022 International Cultic Studies Association (ICSA). *Leaving family to join a cult, getting out, & healing. The power of connection*.

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## **Employment**

### Jennifer French, LLC

*Owner. 1.2020 – Present. Manhattan Beach, CA.*

Coercive Control Consultant

- Cult and religious recovery services for individuals and groups
- Consultation for families with relative/s in a cult
- Education and speaking engagements on topics of coercive control, high demand / high control groups and organizations, cults, domestic abuse, sex trafficking, and narcissistic abuse.

Internal Family Systems (IFS) Practitioner

- IFS services for individuals

Expert Witness

- Litigation consultant and expert witness in psychological manipulation, coercion, brainwashing (undue influence), domestic abuse, domestic violence, sex trafficking, narcissistic abuse, high demand / high control groups (cultic abuse, spiritual abuse, religious abuse). Plaintiff and defense matters.

Host of Project Hope Podcast

- For families and friends with a loved one in a group of high control / high demand.

### Rightpoint

*Sr. Digital Project Manager. 2017-2019. Santa Monica, CA.*

- Project management on lead accounts to execute digital, web-based solutions.

### The College Board

*Director, Digital Product Delivery. 2016-2017. New York. NY.*

- Managed digital products across multiple programs including CLEP, Accuplacer, Research, Enrollment, and Social Security Disability (SSD) to clarify strategic requirements and explain complex ideas and dependencies while managing expectations.

### D+M Group

*Global Project Manager, Web Technology & Marketing. 2013-2015. Mahwah, NJ.*

- Responsible for all global project initiatives including North America, Europe, and Asia Pacific.

*Project Manager, Web Technology & CRM Systems, North America. 2011-2013. Mahwah, NJ.*

- Led all web, online, and digital projects for North America across 7 brands (Denon, Marantz, McIntosh, Boston Acoustics, Calrec, Allen & Heath, and Denon Pro & DJ).

### Allianz Global Investors, PIMCO Funds

*Marketing Manager, Interactive Marketing. 2009-2011. New York, NY*

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- Project management for strategic communication plans, email communication programs, website launches, and redesigns, provided training and maintained data integrity and documentation of processes, procedures, and reporting.

### Kodak Gallery

*Digital Marketing Manager. 2007-2009. Emeryville, CA*

- Management of digital campaigns, scheduling, and design.

### Luminescence Midwifery

*Owner. 2003-2006. San Francisco. CA*

- Luminescence Midwifery was a privately owned, full-service midwifery practice providing full prenatal and postpartum care, home birthing, hospital birthing support, nutritional counseling and childbirth education classes.

### Birthday Midwifery

*Full-Time Apprenticeship. 2002-2003. Boston. MA.*

- Attended prenatal and postpartum care, home births, hospital births, and childbirth education.

### Chatellier Gallery

*Executive Assistant. 1999-2001. New York, NY.*

- Managed art gallery and client services.