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SUMMARY

I specialize in evaluating competence in civil matters such as guardianship proceedings and competence to stand trial. I also perform IMEs and assess mental state at the time of the offense. I am available to evaluate and testify or provide controlled expert services to assist attorneys in strategizing around other clinicians' reports.

I am experienced with disorders that are commonly the focus of litigation, such as dementia, brain injury, PTSD, psychotic spectrum disorders such as schizophrenia, and intellectual disability or autism. I also do extensive testing for malingering and functional neurological disorders.

In addition to my forensic work, I run a private practice focusing on clinical evaluations, where I train postdoctoral residents. I have taught graduate students and lecture to both attorneys and clinicians. I regularly write for the Illinois Institute for Continued Legal Education and academic journals. My reports are based on objective, reliable information, using minimal jargon, and directly addressing the matter at hand.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

CHICAGOLAND NEUROPSYCHOLOGY LLC - Owner, Group Practice, Oak Park, IL

July 2012 - Present

- Diagnose and treat neurological and psychological disorders among adults and children who have dementia, brain injury, stroke, PTSD, emotional disorders, learning disabilities, attentional deficits, and other complex medical conditions.
- Functional neuroimaging is often included, allowing a comparison of brain functioning with traditional neuropsychological testing.
- Conduct a yearlong training program for postdoctoral residents.

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE

CHICAGO SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY - Adjunct Faculty, Chicago, IL

August 2019 - December 2020

- Lectured on various topics relevant to doctoral students entering the clinical, forensic, or neuropsychological fields.
- Acted as a liaison with doctoral training sites for students who were struggling.
- Facilitated classroom discussions or case conceptualization and accurate diagnosis while emphasizing the relationship between the brain and human behavior/cognition.

EDUCATION

Doctorate of Clinical Psychology, with focuses in Forensic Psychology and Clinical Neuropsychology

Chicago School of Professional Psychology

2010

Chicago, IL

Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology

Chicago School of Professional Psychology

2005

Chicago, IL

Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology

Chicago School of Professional Psychology

2004

Chicago, IL

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Hobart College

1998

Geneva, NY

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Brietzke, C. A., & Voorn, H.E. (2023). Demystifying Neuropsychology in Elder Law Practice. In *Advising Elderly Clients And Their Families* (2023 Ed., pp. 16-1-16-80). chapter, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education.

Brietzke, C. A. (2024). Proving And Disproving Damages in Personal Injury Cases (pp. 13-1-13-51).

PROACTIVE BEHAVIORAL SERVICES - Independent Contractor, Inverness, IL

August 2012 - March 2018

- Diagnosed and treated neuropsychological and psychological disorders in patients who had dementia, brain injury, stroke, learning disabilities, Autism, attentional deficits, emotional disorders, and other neurological disorders.

NEUROCARE, CENTRAL DUPAGE HOSPITAL - Postdoctoral Residency in Clinical Neuropsychology, Winfield, IL

August 2010 - July 2012

- Conducted neuropsychological and forensic neuropsychological evaluations with adult and pediatric populations on an inpatient and outpatient basis.
- Provided individual therapy to individuals with neurologic and forensic involvement.
- Supervised predoctoral trainees.

PREDOCTORAL TRAINING

ELGIN MENTAL HEALTH CENTER - Predoctoral Internship, Elgin, IL

July 2009 - August 2010

- Conducted neuropsychological testing and malingering evaluations of patients found Unfit to Stand Trial and Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity.
- Conducted violence and risk assessments.
- Supervised doctoral externs.
- Carried a caseload of individual therapy patients.
- Conducted group therapy sessions on anger management, chemical dependence, and fitness to stand trial.

NEUROCARE, CENTRAL DUPAGE HOSPITAL - First Doctoral Advanced Assessment Practicum, Winfield, IL

June 2008 - June 2009

- Conducted neuropsychological and intellectual evaluations in adult and pediatric populations in a multidisciplinary hospital setting.
- Performed clinical and forensic assessments for dementia, TBI, Parkinson's Disease, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, Learning Disorders, and attentional deficits.

DUPAGE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT - Second Doctoral Advanced Assessment Practicum, Wheaton, IL

June 2008 - June 2009

- Evaluated court-ordered probationers to assess substance abuse, personality disorders, and differential diagnosis of varied neuropsychological disorders.
- Focused on risk assessment and detection of malingering/response bias.

chapter, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education.

Brietzke, C. A. (2020). A Primer On Neuropsychological Testing For Elder Law Attorneys. *The Elder Law Journal*, 28(2), 221–280.

Brietzke, C. A., & Lindsay, J. R. (2015). Demystifying Neuropsychology in Elder Law Practice. In *Advising Elderly Clients And Their Families* (2015 Ed., pp. 16–1-16–46). chapter, Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education.

KOVLER CENTER FOR THE TREATMENT OF VICTIMS OF TORTURE AND POLITICAL IMPRISONMENT - Doctoral Therapy Practicum, Chicago, IL

September 2006 - August 2007

- Provided long-term psychotherapy to political refugees and asylum seekers suffering head injuries and PTSD following state-sponsored torture or political imprisonment.
- Provided forensic assessment of individuals seeking political asylum.
- Consulted with attorneys regarding asylum claims and engaged in training with law students.

ELGIN MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, FORENSIC TREATMENT PROGRAM - Doctoral Diagnostic Practicum, Elgin, IL

September 2005 - July 2006

- Administered, scored, and interpreted neuropsychological, intellectual, and personality tests to aid courts in determining Fitness to Stand Trial and for differential diagnosis.
- Conducted group therapy for fitness to stand trial and substance abuse groups with neuropsychologically impaired individuals identified as being least likely to achieve fitness to stand trial.

PREDOCTORAL WORK EXPERIENCE

LEYDEN FAMILY SERVICE AND MENTAL HEALTH CENTER - Crisis Case Manager, Franklin Park, IL

February 2000 - May 2005

- Provided crisis intervention and case management for a mentally ill population.
- Acted as liaison with courts, local police, and with state and private hospitals.
- Designed a mental illness education program for local area police officers.

THE ORTHOGENIC SCHOOL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO - Direct Care Counselor, Chicago, IL

June 1998 - January 2000

- Acted as a counselor for mentally ill and behaviorally disordered adolescents in a residential setting.
- Facilitated therapeutic groups and supervised family visits.
- Wrote monthly progress reports on individual clients.
- Intervened in crises, using de-escalation strategies or CPI-approved holds as needed.

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References Available Upon Request