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Tools for Cross-examining Primary Care Health Professionals

Thursday, April 20, 2017
Live teleseminar with Q&A

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9:00 am – 10:15 am (Pacific)
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WHO SHOULD ATTEND

All lawyers who deal with testimony or reports containing psychological assessments will find this course helpful.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Psychological assessments play an important role in a wide range of civil and criminal cases including child custody cases, mental competency hearings, personal injury cases, and professional negligence actions. A large number of these assessments are composed by primary care physicians, social workers, nurses and other professionals who are not court-experienced, are not well-versed in the hard and soft science aspects of psychology research, are not sufficiently familiar with the applicable assessment measures, are not clear about the nature and importance of assessment validity, and have limited knowledge about the unreliability of memory and truth assessments.

This 75 minute teleseminar, co-presented by a lawyer and a court accepted psychological expert, aims to better familiarize you with these key areas for questioning so you can more quickly and effectively challenge unqualified opinion evidence dressed up as expert evidence. You will learn:

- how to challenge a psychology/psychiatry assessment
- how the psychometric validity of assessment instruments is determined
- how to expose the witness' unfamiliarity with psychometric validity
- how to prepare your own expert against these cross-examination tools

SCHEDULE (Eastern)

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Introduction

Hard and soft science aspects of psychology research

Understanding the DSM-5

The nature and importance of psychometric validity

The soft science of memory and truth assessments

1:00 pm - 1:15 pm

Q & A

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ABOUT THE PRESENTERS



Dr. Gordon Cochrane is a Registered Psychologist, a member of the Health Services Providers in Psychology, and is certified by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards in Canada and the US. He is on the Board of Directors of the Medical-Legal Society of B.C.

and is a member of SportsMed BC. He has been published in *The Journal of the New York State Bar Association*, *The Journal of Consulting & Clinical Psychology*; *Diagnosis*, *The Journal of the Canadian Family Physician*, *The Litigator*, *The Verdict*, *The Advocate* and the *Washington State Bar News*. He has over 20 years' experience providing psychological assessments, consultations and expert testimony for law firms in Canada and the US.



Mark J. Cochrane is a family law litigator practicing with Gordon J. Kopelow Law Offices in Vancouver since 2007. Mark has conducted successful trials in Provincial Court and BC Supreme Court, as well as successful appeals before the BC Court of

Appeal involving such matters as property division, retroactive child support, and changes in child custody. With psychologist Dr. Gordon Cochrane, Mark has been a co-presenter of CLE seminars relating to the cross-examination of psychological and health care experts. In addition to practicing law full-time, Mark is a faculty member in the English Department at Kwantlen Polytechnic University. He has published in a number of areas.



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