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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Wednesday, March 23

4:00-5:30 Early Registration

Thursday, March 24

7:00-7:45 Registration and Continental Breakfast

7:45-8:00 Opening Remarks and Announcements

8:00-8:45

Posttraumatic stress disorder in court—A poor fit?

Carla Rodgers M.D.

Dr. Rodgers will discuss the requirements of the court system and how the diagnosis of PTSD fits or does not fit into that system. Following this presentation, attendees should be able to enumerate all the signs/symptoms of PTSD, describe what courts require of forensic psychiatric testimony, and enumerate problems with the diagnosis in terms of forensic evaluation and presentation to the finder of fact.

Carla Rodgers, M.D. is a forensic psychiatrist in private practice in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area. She is also Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at University of Pennsylvania Medical School.

8:45-9:30

Appearing before the Board of Medicine

Keyhill Sheorn, M.D.

One of the most profoundly distressing events in a physician's career is being investigated by the Board of Medicine. As a psychiatrist, you may, on occasion, be in the position to evaluate or represent a physician who is under scrutiny by the Board. This presentation will take attendees through the process—from the Board's receipt of a complaint, the subsequent interviewing of key parties, to the panel hearing where you may be asked to testify. At the end of the talk, the attendees should 1) be familiar with the general process that the Board of Medicine follows, specifically in State of Virginia; 2) have a heightened awareness of how important it is to regularly review the rules and regulations set forth by the APA; 3) have an awareness of key elements that the Board of Medicine might be looking for in your report and testimony about the physician you are representing.

Keyhill Sheorn is a psychiatrist in solo practice in Richmond, Virginia. Her specialty is the long-term treatment of posttraumatic stress disorder. She is also a professor at the Medical College of Virginia.

9:30-10:15

The Golden Rule: the use of empathy in the forensic setting
Gwen Levitt, D.O. and David Glaser, M.D.

At the 2009 Symposium, a statement was made that empathy had no place in the forensic setting. This prompted a discussion between the presenters about the meaning and use of empathy in a forensic evaluation. This presentation will outline the advantages and disadvantages of the use of empathy in a forensic evaluation. Clinicians are well aware that the use of empathy is a powerful tool in establishing rapport with a patient. Forensic experts must be aware as to one's own practices and manners in which one may utilize empathy in evaluations. The presenters will discuss the use of empathy in a forensic setting as well as provide insights into any ethical implications.

Gwen Levitt, D.O. is in private practice in Phoenix Arizona, and is a mental health expert for the Maricopa County Superior Court adult and juvenile division. David Glaser, M.D. is a forensic psychiatrist in Los Angeles. He is on the faculty of the UCLA Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program.

10:15-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-11:15

Risk management in medication assisted treatment of opioid dependent patients

Eric W. Fine, M.D. and Sandra Cini, M.Ed.

Concern is increasing among professionals who treat opioid dependent patients. The patients being treated present with some of the most complex medical and psychiatric issues. Willingness to treat these individual often leads to a variety of ethical, legal and professional dilemmas for the provider. This presentation will explore the challenges being faced by today's medical professionals treating opioid dependent persons and discuss ways to reduce the likelihood of overdose, fatalities and litigation. Attendees will be able to recognize potential risks related to the treatment of opioid dependent patients in their treatment setting, identify practices, procedures and policies that can help reduce risk, and discuss implications of recent legal cases and proposed legislation that will impact the treatment of opioid dependent patients.

Dr. Fine is in the private practice of clinical and forensic psychiatry in Philadelphia, Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Jefferson Medical College, and Medical Director of Addiction Medicine and Health Advocates, Inc. Sandra Cini is the Clinical Coordinator and Supervisor of Addiction Medicine and Health Advocates, Inc. in Philadelphia. She has been working in the field of substance abuse treatment for 15 years.

11:15-12:00

Enhancing aerospace addiction psychiatry by introducing a forensic perspective

Michael Berry, M.D., Charles Chesanow, D.O., David Altman, M.D.

Our presentation will provide a historical context for the aviation industry's program to safely bring pilots in recovery back to duty (the HIMS program). This has been the model for many current programs for addicted professionals of all types. We will introduce a rationale for why a forensic perspective enhances our addiction psychiatry component. From three different perspectives (aerospace medicine, forensic psychiatry, and addiction psychi-

atry), we will advance the hypothesis that the basics of forensic psychiatric practice are important for the regulatory practice of medicine in this safety sensitive area.

Michael Berry, M.D., MPH is the Manager of the Headquarters Division of Medical Specialties of the FAA. He is board certified in aerospace medicine, and a former Medical Director for NASA's astronaut program. Charles Chesanow, D.O. is Chief Psychiatrist for the FAA. David Altman, M.D. is a board certified addiction psychiatrist and addictionologist. He has a private practice in Skokie, Illinois.

12:00-1:30 Lunch Break (on your own)

1:30-2:15

Testimonial privilege in retrospect

Ralph Slovenko, J.D., Ph.D.

The testimonial privilege in civil and criminal cases is one of controversy. The Federal Rule of Evidence omitted a medical privilege but in the appendix involved a psychotherapist-client privilege which has been adjusted by the various states. Their application in civil and criminal cases is discussed.

Ralph Slovenko, J.D., Ph.D., is Professor of Law and Psychiatry at Wayne State University Law School. He is the author most recently of *Psychiatry in Law/Law in Psychiatry*.

2:15-3:00

Redefined entitlements to mental health services under new federal statutes

Marvin J. Schwarz, M.D., J.D. and Carolyn Maraist

Congress has dramatically redefined and extended the right to services for the emotionally disturbed. The 2004 re-authorization of the Federal Special Education statute included provisions for mandatory transitional mental health services and transitional education. Thus there is currently an entitlement to services which did not exist previously and such unfunded entitlement has implications for mental health providers. The authors will address the specific statutes and language currently governing this area and will consider implications of these laws for mental health providers for both students and the adult general population. They will provide a road map as to the obligations and potential liabilities of mental health providers under the current laws including potential conflicts between state and federal law.

Marvin Schwarz M.D., J.D. is President of Associates in Adolescent Psychiatry S.C. and a consultant to multiple government agencies dealing with mental illness and emotional disturbance. Carolyn Maraist is the Director of Government Compliance and Research and also leads the Consulting and Business Services practice for Associates in Adolescent Psychiatry S.C. She holds an MBA from the University of Chicago.

3:00-3:45

Criminal behavior of combat veterans: Homicide, violence, and PTSD—Any connection? Controversy about veterans courts

Jamshid A. Marvasti, M.D.

Many U.S. veterans are returning from conflict in war zones only to get involved with the U.S. criminal justice system. From homicide to drug dealing to petty crimes, many defense attorneys are claiming that their new category of clients were trained

to be killers in the military and that upon return the government did not sufficiently “deprogram” them. Another group of lawyers tend to bring up PTSD as a defense in the court and then explain that their clients were exposed to horrendous situations of war and atrocity, and they have been traumatized and changed for life. They claim that at the time of the crime they suffered a flashback or startle reaction and believed they were back in combat, or that war trauma caused them to dissociate, lose touch with reality. The criminal action should be considered a symptom of mental sickness requiring commitment to a mental hospital and not a jail. The Veterans Administration has created more than 40 veterans courts nationally. They imitate the “drug” courts, and in them the veterans are frequently diagnosed with PTSD and substance abuse, their criminal behaviors investigated in light of their psychiatric disorders. Controversy in regard to the benefits of such courts will be explored.

Jamshid A. Marvasti, M.D. is a child and adult psychiatrist practicing at Manchester Memorial Hospital in Manchester, Connecticut. He is author/editor of four books, and is in the process of publishing a fifth book, *The Impact of War Trauma on Soldiers and their Families*.

3:45-4:30

Child sexual abuse: forensic considerations

Sander J. Breiner, M.D.

Sexual activity with a child has a variety of expressions and significance that have been all lumped together as child sexual abuse (CSA), regardless of the child's age and the effect on the child. Topics covered are: psychosexual development, incest, coercion, seduction, pedophilia, sexualized performance and child custody, as well as clinical cases. There are rigid legal structures unique to CSA that have put hampers on the judicial system, and limited the freedom of forensic psychiatry to aid all the parties concerned. The understanding of psychosexual development and the connection to the sexual activity to which the child was exposed is described, and its importance in evaluating the abuse. How forensic psychiatrists can utilize their understanding of each complex abuse situation and communicate it within the legal framework of forensic testimony is the important thrust of this presentation.

Sander J. Breiner, M.D. is Professor of Psychiatry, Michigan State University, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Wayne State University, and Lecturer, Wayne State University Law School. He has testified in federal, state, county, and city courts in civil and criminal cases.

5:30-7:00 Welcome Reception

Friday, March 25

7:15-8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00-8:40

The contested will: What constitutes undue influence and how do you prove it?

Douglas Anderson, M.D.

Drawing upon his extensive personal experience with contested wills, the presenter will review the basics of testamentary capacity, define the legal concept of “undue influence” and will discuss the many hurdles and difficulties that are likely to arise

when trying to prove to the satisfaction of the court that undue influence did, in fact, actually occur.

Douglas Anderson, M.D. has been in the practice of forensic psychiatry for over 25 years. With his practice based in New York and Connecticut, he has been retained for civil and criminal cases in seventeen states, the United Kingdom, and Israel.

8:40-9:20

Psychiatric morbidity following electrical injury

Alexander E. Obolsky, M.D.

Electrical injuries (EI) are reasonably common. Such injuries result in almost 20,000 emergency department visits each year. The EI result in multitude of physical, emotional, and cognitive symptoms. Survivors of EI often present to forensic psychiatrists for an evaluation in workers' compensation, personal injury, and fitness for duty venues. This presentation will review current clinical and scientific knowledge of the phenomenology, natural history, evaluation, and treatment of those who experienced EI. Attendees will be able to 1) describe the mechanism of electrical brain injury; 2) list physical, emotional, and cognitive symptoms of EI; 3) describe the process of forensic psychiatric evaluation of EI.

Dr. Obolsky maintains a private practice in clinical adult psychiatry with a focus on diagnosis and treatment of mental conditions arising after physical and emotional injuries as well as helping patients return to full and productive work life. He is on faculty at Northwestern Medical School.

9:20-12:00

Forensic skills workshop: the role of the psychiatrist in civil litigation

Carla Rodgers M.D., Timothy J. Michals, M.D., Alexander Obolsky, M.D., Keyhill Sheorn, M.D.

This practical workshop will focus on advanced issues that confront psychiatrists in civil law cases, an interactive session involving moderator, panelists, and the audience. Vignettes submitted to the panel by practicing forensic psychiatrists will be read aloud and discussed. The vignettes describe problems and experiences that forensic psychiatrists often confront in their practices and in court. These will include procedural problems, such as ethical or practical issues in performing evaluations; dealing with courts, attorneys, or opposing experts; as well as substantive problems, such as dilemmas that come up in difficult cases, reliability of psychiatric opinion, and testimony. Attendees should be able to understand their colleagues' approach to issues that routinely confront forensic psychiatrists, and to share in practical methods for dealing with such procedural and substantive challenges.

Moderator: Carla Rodgers, M.D. is a forensic psychiatrist in private practice in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area. Panelists: Timothy J. Michals, M.D. is Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Division of Forensic Psychiatry at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia; Alexander E. Obolsky, M.D. is in private practice in Chicago, Illinois; Keyhill Sheorn M.D. is in private practice in Richmond, Virginia.

12:00-1:30 Lunch Break (on your own)

1:30-2:15

Defending cop killers: forensic psychiatric evidence as mitigation strategy

Timothy J. Michals, M.D., Judge Benjamin Lerner, Steven E. Samuel, Ph.D.

Howard Cain, Eric Floyd, and Levon Warner committed a bank robbery in Philadelphia on May 3, 2008. Mr. Cain was shot and killed by police. Mr. Warner and Mr. Floyd were found guilty of Murder in the First Degree and were sentenced to life in prison on August 17, 2010. This presentation discusses how psychological/neuropsychological data, psychiatric, familial, and psychosocial factors were presented in a case with a potential death penalty outcome. Attendees should become familiar with three perspectives that can guide a mitigation defense team in capital cases; learn about a judge's perspective on the merits and vulnerabilities of the mitigation strategy used in this matter and similar cases; and become aware of how forensic psychiatrists significantly contribute to a mental health defense team.

Timothy J. Michals, M.D. is Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Division of Forensic Psychiatry at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. Steven Samuel, Ph.D. is a clinical and forensic psychologist and psychoanalyst in Philadelphia. Honorable Benjamin Lerner has been a Judge in the Court of Common Pleas, First Judicial District, Philadelphia County for approximately 13 years. Judge Lerner has overseen primarily criminal cases and has tried virtually every type of felony case, both jury and non-jury.

2:15-3:00

Reliable principles and methods: Can our testimony meet the criteria of the federal rules of evidence?

Alfred P. French, M.D.

The surging demand for evidence-based medicine marches shoulder-to-shoulder with the federal Daubert case which in federal and some state courts permits a pretrial challenge to the admissibility of expert testimony on the basis of reliability and validity. This broad and powerful trend warns us that preparation for a Daubert challenge shall become one of the foundation-stones of a forensic psychiatrist's life. This presentation will summarize the Frye and Daubert cases and present clinical tools which, in the opinion of this non-attorney, will permit the construction of Daubert-proof report and testimony.

Alfred P. French, M.D. practiced forensic psychiatry full-time from 1977 to 1991 and part-time since then. His current research interests concern the mental status exam and the need for psychiatrists to improve the credibility of interview in general.

3:00-3:45

Functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI): role in forensic psychiatry

Muhammad Saleem, M.D. and Gabriella Obrocea, M.D.

BOLD fMRI is a newly developed diagnostic modality which indirectly measures the brain activity during different brain functions by measuring the blood flow to a particular area of brain and hence localizing the areas involved in a specific act or behavior, including sociopathy, lying, pedophilia or other crimes. Functional magnetic resonance imaging has become a topic of interest for forensic experts. There is a great deal of ambiguity regarding the use of fMRI as court evidence. Following this

presentation, attendees should 1) appreciate the history of functional magnetic resonance imaging, basic concepts, and how it works; 2) understand the advantages of functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging and basic research findings; 3) be able to describe the current and potential future uses of functional MRI in forensic psychiatry.

Muhammad Saleem M.D. is a fourth year psychiatry resident at UCLA Kern Psychiatry Residency Program. Dr. Saleem has a special interest in functional MRI. He worked as a research associate at TRUE MRI in Los Angeles and worked in a research project on latest MRI technology.

3:45-4:30

Role of the Mexican drug cartels in Mexico's social disorder
J. Arturo Silva, M.D.

In 2008 Mexico witnessed a substantial increase in drug cartel related homicides. By the summer of 2010 the number of homicides related to drug cartel activity exceeded 25,000. This presentation will explore the serious effects which the drug cartels are having on the social welfare and stability of Mexico. The Mexican drug cartels will be analyzed from psychohistorical, psychocultural and forensic-psychiatric perspectives. The impact of the Mexican drug wars on the United States will also be covered in this presentation. The serious effects which the Mexican drug trade is having for clinical professionals in Mexico will be briefly discussed. An exploration of potential ways in which forensic psychiatric professionals in the United States may be affected by the Mexican drug trade will also be an important aspect of this presentation.

J. Arturo Silva, M.D. is a forensic psychiatrist in private practice in San Jose, California. Dr. Silva has been studying the nature of the Mexican drug cartels since 2006.

Saturday, March 26

7:15-8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00-8:45

**Autism spectrum and criminal justice:
Square peg in a round hole?**
Kenneth J. Weiss, M.D.

Individuals with autism spectrum (including Asperger's disorder) display behavioral phenotypes that may cause them to appear aloof, belligerent or unrepentant. The underlying empathy deficits are well known. However, it is difficult to explain unlawful behavior, such as resisting arrest and exploitation of others, to judges and juries. Using case law and newspaper articles, this presentation will demonstrate the growing interest in assessing criminal responsibility in this population. The attendees will be able to identify the phenotypic qualities of persons with Asperger's disorder, gain insight into the types of legal situations peculiar to persons with autistic spectrum, and demonstrate greater skill in assessing empathy deficits and their impact on the management of criminal defenses.

Kenneth J. Weiss, M.D. is Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Associate Director, Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He is in the private practice of forensic psychiatry.

8:45-9:30

Shaping the contours of a criminal case mental health evaluation: Does the law limit the right approach?

John T. Philipsborn, M.Ed, J.D.

There is sometimes a tension between what information mental health experts will contend is necessary for the formulation and expression of an opinion in a criminal case and what evidence the court is willing to admit. In some cases the tension begins even prior to the assessment of the defendant, when the defense succeeds in limiting the scope of assessment on the basis that the assessment approach proposed by the expert exceeds the "scope and nature" of the examination permitted by law. The issue can come up in a number of different contexts, and is likely to be of concern to psychiatrists and psychologists who testify in those court systems, like the federal and California system, that have imposed limits on either the assessment, or testimony, or both. John Philipsborn, who has often presented to our group, will address the issues from the viewpoint of a lawyer who has litigated them extensively.

John Philipsborn has been a criminal defense lawyer for more than 30 years and continues to litigate complex cases, including capital litigation, around the country. He regularly publishes on mental health and the law for practitioners, and has contributed briefing to more than 80 published cases.

9:30-10:20

Evaluating for competency for self-representation

Alan A. Abrams, M.D., J.D. and Randall L. Solomon, M.D.

In *Indiana v. Edwards*, the U.S. Supreme Court held that a defendant may not be allowed represent himself if "he lacks the mental capacity to conduct his trial defense." However, the Court provided no criteria for experts to follow in their evaluations. We will discuss the issues necessary for such an evaluation, including the ability to attend to and process information, the ability to communicate coherently, and the ability to exert behavioral controls under duress. We will address whether these exams should be pre-trial speculation or inter-trial, fact-based evaluations. Finally, we will examine both the ethical issues involved and the conflicts of interests that arise between the two sets of lawyers and the defendant.

Alan A. Abrams, M.D., J.D. is the Chief Psychiatrist at the California Medical Facility. Randall L. Solomon, M.D. is a psychiatrist in San Francisco.

10:20-10:35 Coffee Break

10:35-1:00

Forensic skills workshop: the role of the psychiatrist in criminal litigation

Steven Pinkert, M.D., J.D., MBA

This practical workshop will focus on advanced issues that confront psychiatrists in criminal law cases, an interactive session involving moderator, panelists, and the audience. Vignettes submitted to the panel by practicing forensic psychiatrists will be read aloud and discussed by the panel and by the audience. The vignettes describe problems and experiences that forensic psychiatrists often confront in their practices and in court. Attendees should be able to understand their colleagues' approach to issues that routinely confront forensic psychiatrists, and to share

in practical methods for dealing with such procedural and substantive challenges.

Steven Pinkert, M.D., J.D., MBA, of the Pinkert Law Firm in Miami, practices in the areas of professional discipline, complex medical/technical litigation, admiralty, and patent law. Prior to law he practiced clinical psychiatry. Panelists to be announced.

Sunday, March 27

7:15-8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00-8:45

Collaborations between forensic psychiatrists and psychologists during fitness for duty evaluations for law enforcement personnel

Ronn Johnson, Ph.D. and Marcia Scott, M.D.

This presentation includes a discussion of the collaborative process between forensic psychiatrists and psychologists while conducting fitness for duty evaluations on peace officers. Several critical areas of the FFDE process are examined with emphasis placed on identifying domains required during the FFDE. Common problems found in reports are reviewed related to roles and responsibilities. The presenters explore ethical issues in reports written for fitness for duty evaluations. The session concludes by identifying cultural factors that may play a part in evaluating peace officers using various psychological tests.

Ronn Johnson, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor at the University of San Diego. He has conducted thousands of psychological interviews for law enforcement applicants. Marcia Scott, M.D. is a lecturer at Harvard Medical School and a consultant to the Boston Police Department.

8:45-9:30

Psychohistorical and biopsychosocial perspectives concerning the homicides of women in Ciudad Juarez

J. Arturo Silva, M.D. and Marcia Miller, Psy.D.

Ciudad Juarez is a large Mexican city located in the border between the United States and Mexico. In 1993 Ciudad Juarez experienced a substantial increase in the number of homicides of females. Since that time, the city has continued to have a large number of homicides involving women. The estimated number of these homicides from 1993 to 2007 often ranges from 400 to 500 victims. This presentation consists of a survey of this disturbing phenomenon. Several subsets of the Ciudad Juarez killings will form the basis of this presentation. The potential causes of these homicides will be discussed from historical, psychosocial, cultural and forensic-psychiatric perspectives.

Dr. Silva has been studying the Ciudad Juarez homicides of women during the last decade. His particular area of focus is to develop an understanding of these killings not only from psychiatric-legal but also from psycho-historical and biopsychosociocultural perspectives. Marcia Miller, Psy.D. is a psychologist in San Diego.

9:30-10:15

Third party presence in forensic examinations

Basil Jackson, M.D., J.D., Ph.D., D.Litt.

The presenter will review what courts have decided regarding the presence of a third party (usually an attorney, psychologist or

psychiatrist) in forensic psychological examinations ordered by the court. What is the motivation for such a request and what are possible advantages and/or disadvantages in such a request? Is there research to support an opinion? Review of a case in which this was an important issue will be presented. What may be the pros and cons regarding taping in such a situation?

Dr. Basil Jackson is a psychiatrist, psychoanalyst and attorney who consults with attorneys regularly on forensic issues. He presently is active in clinical practice in African-American and Hispanic communities in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

10:15-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-11:15

The use of Internet data in forensic psychiatry

Syeda Ameenaz, M.D. and Rahn K. Bailey, M.D.

A forensic psychiatrist often encounters manipulative, offensive and or uncooperative individuals during a mental status examination (MSE). Therefore any collateral data obtained for evaluation is highly useful in reaching a professional conclusion, including the use of the Internet. Various aspects of social media outlets as part of collateral data usable for forensic investigations will be discussed. A proposed computer program designed for legally and securely extracting and capturing a user's social media data and other collateral data from disparate sources, and making the data available to forensic psychiatrists in a well-formulated structure from a single place will be presented.

Syeda Ameenaz, M.D. is a research extern in the Department of Psychiatry at Meharry Medical College. Dr. Bailey is Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at Meharry Medical College.

11:15-12:00

Forensic psychiatrists and 21st Century information technology—Goldmine or minefield?

Alexander C. Green, M.D.

The Internet enables physicians to connect to a new world of digital information. Many patients are researching online. These are uncharted waters, creating new issues for forensic experts. The distinctions between knowledge and personal medical advice are blurred. Virtual doctor-patient relationships offering "E therapy" are ubiquitous. What are the liabilities for a cyber alliance, lacking the cues and kinesics of face-to-face? What are the pitfalls of mutual googling? Consider the ethics of acquiring data from a patient's web profile, versus their control of disclosure and the Hippocratic oath. Social networking sites bring dangers such as cyber bullying and related suicides. Internet benefits include digital collaboration, speech recognition, and referral directories. After the presentation, attendees should be able to 1) describe the power of the Internet; 2) explain legal/ethical issues in virtual relationships; and 3) discuss social networking risks.

Alexander C. Green, M.D. is in private practice in San Diego. Dr. Green has special experience with psychological trauma, stress, harassment, disability issues, competency and undue influence. For many years he has had a special interest in psychiatry and technology.

The foregoing program is a "preliminary program" and additions/deletions are to be expected in the presentations and scheduling of talks. The final program will be distributed to all registrants just prior to the meeting.

Goal: The goal of this symposium is to keep forensic psychiatrists abreast of important issues which lie within the interface of psychiatry and law, recent developments in psychiatry that require new knowledge for expert witnesses, and new case law affecting forensic practice. **Target Audience:** The program is intended to benefit practicing forensic psychiatrists, psychiatrists in other subspecialties, and attorneys who litigate civil and criminal cases involving psychiatric evaluations and expert testimony. **Objectives:** Participants should improve their knowledge and skills in the following areas: (a) evaluation or treatment of forensic litigants and individuals with other forensic psychiatric issues; (b) new and ongoing research and developments in the field of forensic psychiatry; (c) relevant concepts useful in testifying and educating the court on mental health issues, and in working within the legal system; (d) changes in the law that affect clinical and forensic practice; (e) legal and psychiatric aspects involving the mentally disordered inmate in correctional facilities.

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Hotel Reservations: We have secured a block of rooms for the College at The Westgate Hotel at a special rate of \$215 per night for a Premier room. You may call the hotel's reservation department toll-free at 1-800-524-4802. The hotel's direct telephone number is 1-619-238-1818. You must identify yourself as part of the College to secure the preferred rate. You may also go to our web site: forensicpsychonline.com for a link to make your hotel reservation online. The hotel is located at 1055 Second Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101.

Room reservations must be received by March 2, 2011. Reservations made after March 2 are subject to availability at the prevailing hotel rate which will be considerably higher than the group rate.

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