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I. PERSONAL HISTORY:

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MEMBERSHIP:
American Medical Association
American College of Legal Medicine
American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry
American Society of Addiction Medicine
American College of Forensic Psychiatry
American Bar Association
San Diego Psych-Law Society

II. EDUCATIONAL HISTORY:

University of Rochester, Rochester, New York
1966-1970, B.A. with honors

University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine,
La Jolla, Ca., 1970-1974, M.D.

UCLA-Harbor General Hospital, Torrance, Ca., 1974-1975,
Internship

UCSD School of Medicine, Dept. of Psychiatry, 1975-1976,
Resident in Psychiatry

UCSD School of Medicine, Dept. of Psychiatry, 1976-1977,
Post-doctoral Fellowship in Psychopharmacology

UCSD School of Medicine, Dept. of Psychiatry, 1977-1978,
Resident in Psychiatry

UCSD School of Medicine, Dept. of Psychiatry, 1978-1979,
Chief Resident in Psychiatry

UC Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, Berkeley, Ca., 1989 to
1992, J.D.; graduated upper 10% of class.

III. SCHOLARLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Phi Beta Kappa, University of Rochester, 1970

Benjamin Graham Award in Psychiatry, 1974

Diplomate, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, 1981; certificate
21793.

Award for Volunteer Work, City of San Diego, 1983

Prosser Prize, Contracts, 1990

American Jurisprudence Award, Biomedical Ethics, 1992

Commendation for Outstanding Oral Performance in Moot
Court, 1990

California Law Review, member 1990 to 1992, technical editor 1990 to 1992,
associate editor 1991 to 1992.

Order of the Coif, U.C. Berkeley School of Law, 1992

Board Subspecialty Certification in Forensic Psychiatry, APBN, 1994

Recertified 2004; certificate 012.

Board Certified Forensic Examiner, 1995

Diplomate, American Board of Forensic Medicine, 1996

Fellow, American College of Legal Medicine, 1996

Board Subspecialty Certification in Addiction Psychiatry, APBN, 1998; certificate 1346.
Certified Correctional Health Professional , NCCHC 2002

IV. TEACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, UCSD School of Medicine, 1979 to present

Outstanding Clinical Teacher Award, UCSD, 1984

Individual Supervision of Psychiatric Residents, UCSD 1979 to 1988; 1991 to 1997;

Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, Georgetown University Hospital, September 2007 to present

Formal Teaching:

Seminar in Forensic Psychiatry, September 2005 to present. A weekly 90 minute seminar at St. Elizabeths involving readings in psychiatry and the law. Topics have included competency to stand trial, criminal responsibility, mental health issues in civil litigation, employment discrimination under ADA, psychiatric disability evaluations, mens rea defenses to crime, and the mentally ill in the criminal justice system. Participants in the seminar include medical students, psychiatry residents, psychiatry externs, psychology interns, and psychiatry faculty.

Issues in Psychopharmacology, July 2005 to present. A weekly 60 minute class for PGY1 Psychiatry Residents at St. Elizabeths. Topics have included psychopharmacologic treatment of Lewy Body Dementia, psychopharmacological approaches to impulsive aggression, selegine transdermal treatment of depression, uses of psychotropics in the pregnant patient.

Mentorship in Forensic Psychiatry, July 2005 to present. Individual mentorship of a PGY-IV Georgetown Psychiatry Resident in forensic psychiatry. The resident is involved in actual case workups, and preparation of scholarly articles.

Introduction to Forensic Psychiatry, July 2005 to present. A once monthly 60 minute presentation to Georgetown U. medical students doing their psychiatry rotation.

V. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Private practice of Psychiatry, 1979 to present. Practice includes expert testimony and evaluations in criminal, civil, disability, competency and worker's compensation cases; medical expert to Social Security Office of Hearings and Appeals; individual and group psychotherapy; teaching and supervision of medical students and residents.

Chief Psychiatrist, Centinela State Prison, 1997 to December, 2003

Staff Psychiatrist, Parole Region IV, December 2003 to April 2005

Private practice of law, 1993 to 1997. Practice included personal injury litigation, family law, probate, employment and health law.

Associate Director Psychiatric Training, Saint Elizabeths Hospital, Washington D.C. Feb 2005 - present

Director, Georgetown University Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program June 2005 to present

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE:

Commissioner, San Diego County Juvenile Justice Commission, 1997 to 2003.

Physician Member, Diversion Evaluation Committee, Board of Registered Nursing, State of California, 1999 - April 2005

Board Member, California-Nevada Chapter, American Correctional Health Services Association, 2001 - 2003

President, San Diego Psych-Law Society 2000-2002

Medical Advisory Board, San Diego Chapter, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) 2000 to 2005

Executive Board, San Diego Chapter, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) 2003 to 2005

Member, Legal Process Subcommittee, San Diego Sex Offender Management Council 2003

Psychiatric Expert Consultant to California Medical Board 2003 to present
Examiner, Part II, National Boards, ABPN, Washington 2005

VI: DEMONSTRATION OF SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY:

PUBLICATIONS:

Abrams AA, Patel M, Jones T et al. Mood Disorders and Suicide in the Correctional Population: The importance of recognizing Comorbidity. *Int J Child Health and Human Dev.* 2008; 1(3) in press.

Abrams AA and Patel M. invited amicus brief in *Ardell Moore v. Superior Court*, Second District Court of Appeals Division Three, 2d Dist. No. B198550 (2008)

Abrams AA, Patel M, Muth, A Soysal, N. The case for competency in sexually violent predator civil commitment proceedings. *American Journal of Forensic Psychiatry.* Volume 28 (3) pages 7-25, 2007

Abrams AA, Newman A, Patel M, Jones T et al. Case Study: The Nonadherent Schizophrenic Patient. *Psychresident News*, Fall 2007: 2 - 3

Abrams AA, Patel M, Soysal N, and Newman A. "Psychiatric Syndromes of the Condemned" in Ja. Kitaeff (ed.) *Malingering, Lies, and Junk Science in the Courtroom*. Cambria Press, Youngstown NY 2007

Abrams A, Treatment Issues in Prisons, Jails, and Correctional and Forensic Settings, *CME Bipolar Disorder and Impulse Disorder Spectrum Letter*, 10:3 August 2004

Abrams A, "Assessment of Criminal Competency", in B. Van Dorsten, ed., *Forensic Psychology: From Classroom to Courtroom* Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publishers, New York, 2002

Huey LY, Janowsky DS, Judd LL, Abrams A, Parker D, Clopton P. , Effects of lithium carbonate on methylphenidate-induced mood, behavior, and cognitive processes. *Psychopharmacology (Berl)*. 1981;73(2):161-4.

Abrams AA, Braff DL. Lithium induced cogwheel rigidity: treatment with amantadine. *Pharmakopsychiatr Neuropsychopharmakol.* 1980 Jul;13(4):240-2.

Janowsky DS, Clopton PL, Leichner PP, Abrams AA, Judd LL, Pechnick R. Interpersonal effects of marijuana. A model for the study of interpersonal psychopharmacology. Arch Gen Psychiatry. 1979 Jul;36(7):781-5.

Janowsky DS, Abrams AA, Groom GP, Judd LL, Cloptin P. Lithium administration antagonizes cholinergic behavioral effects in rodents. Psychopharmacology (Berl). 1979 May 25;63(2):147-50.

Janowsky DS, Abrams AA, McCunney S,, Judd LL “Lithium and acetylcholine” in Nemeroff, C. ed Acetylcholine and Neuropsychiatric Disease Plenum Press New York 1979

Miley DP, Abrams AA, Atkinson JH, Janowsky DS Successful treatment of thalamic pain with apomorphine. Am J Psychiatry. 1978 Oct;135(10):1230-2.

Abrams A, Braff D, Janowsky D, Hall S, Segal D. Unresponsiveness of catatonic symptoms to naloxone. Pharmakopsychiatr Neuropsychopharmakol. 1978 Jul;11(4):177-9.

Janowsky DS, Segal DS, Abrams A, Bloom F, Guillemin R. Negative naloxone effects in schizophrenic patients. Psychopharmacology (Berl). 1977 Aug 16;53(3):295-7.

Janowsky DS, Segal DS, Bloom F, Abrams A, Guillemin R., Lack of effect on naloxone on schizophrenic symptoms. Am J Psychiatry. 1977 Aug;134(8):926-7.

SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS:

Abrams AA Winfred Overholser and Ezra Pound at St. Elizabeths. Olverholser Day. May 2008. St. Elizabeths Hospital. Washington DC

Stevens K, and Abrams AA. William Alanson White and the Death Penalty. Presentation at Georgetown University Hospital - DMH Forensic Conference, April 2008. Washington DC.

Abrams AA, Rose G, Stevens K, Jones T and Newman A. Panetti’s Rational Understanding of Mental Illness: Denial and the Death Penalty. Presentation at American College of Forensic Psychiatry, April 2008, San Francisco, CA

Abrams, A, Muth, A, Patel, M., Soysal, N “The Incompetent To Stand Trial Sexually Violent Offender” American College of Forensic Psychiatry, March 2006

Abrams A “Ganser Syndrome” Grand Rounds, Dept. of Psychiatry, Howard University, May 2005

Abrams, A “Risk Assessment of Sexual Offenders” U.S. Psychiatric Congress, San Diego, November 2004

Abrams, A “Involuntary Treatment in the Criminal Justice System” U.S. Psychiatric Congress, San Diego, November 2004

Abrams, A “Predicting Future Sexual Violence” Mental Health Conference, Patton State Hospital, September 2004

Abrams, A “Predicting Future Sexual Violence” American College of Forensic Psychiatry, March 2004

Abrams, A “Paraphilias” Orange County Psychiatric Society, November 2003

Abrams, A “Atkins v. Virginia: Mercy for the Mentally Retarded” American College of Forensic Psychiatry, April 2003

“Legal and Ethical Issues in Prescribing” panel presentation – Sept 28, 2002 San Diego Psychiatric Society, 2nd Annual Psychopharmacology Conference

Abrams A and Taylor C., “Deception in Disability Evaluations” - May 30, 2002 County of San Diego, Dept. of Mental Health

Abrams A. “Involuntary Treatment to Restore Competency” – April 11, 2002, American College of Forensic Psychiatry, 20th Annual Symposium, San Francisco

Abrams A. “Open Access: The Medical-Legal Challenges” – November 9, 2001, San Antonio, Strategy and Consulting Conference on Open Access.

Abrams AA, Davis S, Taylor C, et al. “Frontal Lobe Functioning in a Prison Population” – March 15, 2000, Asilomar, Calif. Forensic Mental Health Assoc.,

Abrams A and Davis SJ. “Court Mandated Restrictions on Medicated Mentally Ill State Inmates in California Meeting the ADA” - March 30, 2000 San Diego, American College of Legal Medicine

TEACHING:

Seminar in Forensic Psychiatry, September 2005 - Fall 2007. 90 minute lecture and discussion series on forensic psychiatry, taught at St. Elizabeths Hospital for medical students, residents and psychiatrists.

Seminar in Forensic Psychiatry, July 2007 to present. 3 hour seminar with Forensic Psychiatry fellows at Georgetown University Hospital. Topics include landmark cases in forensic psychiatry, risk assessment, constitutional law, criminal law,

Morning rounds, July 2006 to present. One hour. Once weekly morning meeting with PGYI and PGYII residents regarding patients of interest who were recently admitted.

Supervision of psychiatric residents 1979 to 2003 at UCSD; 2005 to present at Georgetown U. and St. Elizabeths Hospital

Lectures to medical students UCSD on correctional psychiatry 1997 to 2003.

Lectures to Georgetown University third year medical students on psychiatry core rotation on forensic psychiatry.