

Child Custody Assessments

Workshop conducted by Dr. David Martindale.

About the presenter

Dr. Martindale has been in independent practice as a psychologist since 1972. Between 1986 and 2000, his practice focused on performing evaluations of comparative custodial suitability for courts in the State of New York. Since 2000, Dr. Martindale has limited his practice to consulting with attorneys, psychologists and psychology licensing boards in the areas of child custody and professional standards. He has reviewed more than 1,500 evaluations and has served as a forensic psychological consultant in more than 100 licensing board actions and/or malpractice actions. He has written extensively on custody-related topics and regularly offers presentations for the American Academy of Forensic Psychology and for the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

About the workshop

This workshop on Child Custody Assessments is intended to be useful both to beginners and to experienced evaluators. Areas emphasized include communication with courts, attorneys, and litigants prior to commencing evaluations; the construction of a thorough Statement of Understanding, providing detailed information to courts, attorneys, and litigants concerning policies, procedures, and fees; interview and observation methods; the assessment of non-party participants (such as paramours); collection of collateral source information; selection of assessment instruments; report writing and the communication of findings to the litigants; preparation for testimony; and, dealing with licensing board complaints and malpractice actions, if they should be encountered. Throughout the presentation issues relating to ethics and to risk management will be addressed in detail.

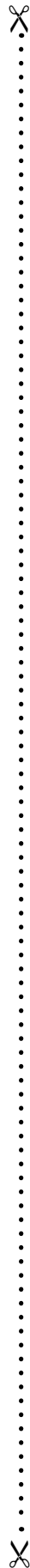
Learning Objectives

Attendees will learn: (1) how to manage the initial contacts with attorneys and litigants; (2) key elements of a Statement of Understanding between the evaluator and the litigants; (3) ways to minimize the animosity that litigants often experience toward evaluators; (4) ethical practices that, if followed, are likely to reduce the risk of complaints against evaluators; (5) criteria to employ in selecting assessment instruments; (6) methods for maximizing the usefulness of collateral source information; and (7) ways to provide information to fee-payers concerning what to anticipate from testifying evaluators.

Friday March 19, 2010

9:30 AM–4:30 PM @ The Broadway Church
2700 East Broadway, Vancouver, BC

Continuing Education Credits: 6



Registrations open on February 9th and close on March 15th.

To register for this workshop:

- Mail this to BCPA, 204-1909 West Broadway, Vancouver BC V6J 1Z3
- Fax this form to 604-730-0502
- Go online: www.psychologists.bc.ca/upcoming.html

- YES, I would like to attend Dr. Martindale's workshop
- I am a current BCPA Member or Affiliate
- I am not a current BCPA Member or Affiliate

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Registration fees (including GST)

Early Bird Rate (until February 23, 2010)

- BCPA Members \$173.25
- Non-Members \$246.75

Regular Rate

- BCPA Members \$197.40
- Non-Members \$270.90

Meal requirements

- Vegetarian meal
- Allergies or other requirements (please explain)

Method of payment

GST # 899967350. All prices are in CDN funds.

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Payment Options: Cheque Visa Mastercard

Card #: _____

Expiry Date and CSV code: _____

Signature: _____

*Workshop fee includes handouts, morning & afternoon coffee, and lunch.
Participant information is protected under the BC Personal Information Protection Act.*

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations must be received in writing by March 8, 2010. A 20% administration fee will be deducted from all refunds. No refunds will be given after March 8, 2010.