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EDUCATION

- 2010-2016 Doctorate of Psychology in Clinical Psychology
Pacific University School of Professional Psychology
Dissertation: *Assertiveness, Aggression, and Interpersonal Relations in Convicted Arsonists Versus Other Violent and Property Offenders*
- 2000-2003 Juris Doctorate
University of Arizona James E. Rogers School of Law
Writer, Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law
- 1996-1998 Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, *cum laude*
Duke University
- 1994-1996 Psychology Major
New York University

CURRENT POSITIONS

- June 2021-Present Clinical and Forensic Psychological Assessment and Consultation
PsychLawGroup, LLC
- Federal competency and criminal responsibility assessments
 - Sentencing mitigation and aggravation assessment
 - Civil forensic assessment including personal injury/psychological damages
 - Risk assessments
 - Cognitive function assessments
 - Individual psychological, personality, and diagnostic assessments
 - Pre-employment psychological assessments
 - Expert testimony and consultation
- Jan 2020-Present Contract Psychologist
Stone, McElroy & Associates | SMA Media Consulting
- Police pre-employment psychological screenings
 - Pre-selection psychological screening for reality shows and similar productions
- Oct 2017-Present Community Forensic Evaluator
Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD)
- Conduct competency to stand trial, criminal responsibility, malingering, and violence risk evaluations for pretrial criminal defendants;

- Conduct annual assessments and assessment of the appropriateness of civil commitment
- Provide expert testimony

LICENSURE AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2017-Present Licensed Psychologist, Number PSY004163

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2019-Present American Psychological Association
 2020-Present Georgia Psychological Association
 2020-Present American Psychology-Law Society
 2003-Present Georgia Bar Association (currently, inactive member in good standing)

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Sept 2016-Aug 2017 Forensic Postdoctoral Fellow
 Springfield Hospital Center

- Court-ordered competency and criminal responsibility assessments of inpatient defendants
- Competency restoration treatment and psychoeducation

Sept 2015-Aug 2016 Psychology Predoctoral Intern
 Springfield Hospital Center

- Individual and group psychotherapy
- Comprehensive psychological and court-ordered competency and criminal responsibility evaluations

Aug 2014-Sept 2015 Psychology Clinical Fieldwork Student
 Georgia Regional Hospital-Atlanta, DBHDD

- Court-ordered inpatient competency and criminal responsibility assessments
- Individual and group competency restoration treatment with juveniles and adults

June 2013-Aug 2014 Psychology Clinical Fieldwork Student
 Linda Grounds, PhD., P.C.

- Comprehensive pre-sentencing psychological assessments for adult criminal defendants for sentencing mitigation

Aug 2013-July 2014 Psychology Clinical Fieldwork Student
 Oregon Department of Corrections, Coffee Creek Correctional Facility

- Comprehensive psychological and cognitive assessments of adult inmates
- Intake mental health screenings of incoming criminal inmates

Aug 2012-July 2013

Psychology Trainee – Practicum II
Oregon State Hospital

- Violence, stalking, and firesetting risk assessments
- Individual and group therapy with adult inpatients

POSTERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Hightower, T. and **Garrett, M.W.** (2017, March). *Reducing Length of Stay for Individuals with Fixed Delusions*. Forensic Program Case Conference, Springfield Hospital Center, Sykesville, MD

Peterson, L. and **Garrett, M.W.** (2016, August). *Competency to Stand Trial*. Forensic Program Case Conference, Springfield Hospital Center, Sykesville, MD

Grounds, L.M., and **Garrett, M.W.** (2014, March). *Grooming of children, adolescents and adults for sexual and criminal behavior: A brief review of the literature*. Symposium presentation at the annual conference of the American College of Forensic Psychology, San Diego, CA

Garrett, M.W., Guyton, M.R. (2013, March). *Using The VRAG To Predict Institutional Misconduct In Female Versus Male Inmates*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Portland, OR

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Aug 2011-Jan 2012

Contract Attorney
Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn & Dial, LLP

- Represent civil defendants in court, conduct legal research, draft summary judgment memoranda, *Daubert/Frye* motions regarding the admissibility of expert opinion evidence, and appellate briefs in product liability, catastrophic personal injury, insurance defense, malpractice, and wrongful death litigation

Jan 2009-Aug 2011

Litigation Associate
Weinberg, Wheeler, Hudgins, Gunn & Dial, LLP

- Represent civil defendants in court, conduct legal research, draft summary judgment memoranda, *Daubert/Frye* motions regarding the admissibility of expert opinion evidence, and appellate briefs in product liability, catastrophic personal injury, insurance defense, malpractice, and wrongful death litigation

April 2004-Jan 2009

Litigation Associate
Mckenna Long & Aldridge LLP (NKA Dentons)

- Represent civil defendants in court, conduct legal research, draft summary judgment memoranda, *Daubert/Frye* motions regarding the admissibility of expert opinion evidence, and appellate briefs in product liability, catastrophic personal injury, and wrongful death litigation

Jan 2004-April 2004

Staff Attorney

Locke, Lord, Bissel, and Liddell (NKA Locke Lord)

- Represent civil defendants in court, conduct legal research, draft summary judgment memoranda, *Daubert/Frye* motions regarding the admissibility of expert opinion evidence, and appellate briefs in automotive breach of warranty and product liability litigation

May 2001-Aug 2003

Law Clerk

Pima County Attorney's Office, Criminal Division

- Drafting and responding to habeas corpus motions and evidentiary motions *in limine*