

# **Adult and Child Forensic Evaluations Dissected For Purposes of Preparing Effective Cross Examinations of Experts**

**Essex County Juvenile Court  
Lawrence Division - Session 1  
10 Railroad Street  
Lawrence, MA**



**Wednesday, March 11, 2009  
2:00-4:00pm**

**Presenter: Steven N. Shapse, PhD**

Psychological testing is the cornerstone of many evaluations utilized in the courts including Psychological Evaluations, Neuropsychological Evaluations, Bonding Studies and Parenting Evaluations. This seminar will consist of a brief orientation to the most popular psychological tests - a discussion of the pros/cons of the information obtained from each and secondly, to alert participants to the difference between a test which can be utilized forensically as these items have proven validity, reliability and agreed upon interpretation such as the Wechsler Intelligence Scales and the MMPI, versus "tests" that have no forensic value as a drawing tests and sentence completion items. This seminar will also touch upon recognizing qualified versus unqualified evaluators.

***Be ready to face and cross examine any expert evaluator hired by your opponent and/or retain and utilize your own effective evaluator to help you win your case!***

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Registration is free but please RSVP to [KWigandt@aol.com](mailto:KWigandt@aol.com) to ensure sufficient space and materials.