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Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

Master of Science (MSc.) Degree in Psychology and the Law in Child Forensic Studies from the Universities of Portsmouth/Leeds in the United Kingdom in England under the direction of Professor Ray Bull, Ph.D (2006). Masters Thesis entitled the Penile Plethysmograph, Abel Assessment for Sexual Interest, and MSI-II: Are They Speaking the Same Language? This thesis has been redacted and is a published peer-reviewed scientific journal article under the same Title in Taylor and Francis' May – June 2007 issue of The American Journal of Family Therapy. Admitted to Medical School (1983) - Incomplete. Bachelor of Science (BS) in Biology and Pre-Medicine with minor in psychology from Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts USA (1979); Dean's List. Hull High School: V-P of National Honor Society; Hull, Massachusetts (1974).

Conference Presentations Attended:

June 2020: Webinar - Association of Family and Conciliation Courts: Allegations of Child Abuse During Child Custody Disputes by Michael Saini, Ph.D., et al

June 2018: Webinar - The Science of Childhood Trauma and Family Separation: A Discussion of Short and Long Term Effects - Put on by The Society for Research in Child Development.

June 2018: Webinar - Sexual Harassment of Women Report at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM).

July 2014: Webinar - National Center for Evidence Based Practice in Child Welfare concentrated on Trauma and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.

October 2004: Attended a two-day workshop given by David Martindale, Ph.D. entitled: "Conducting Child Custody Evaluations – Legal, Ethical, and Clinical Issues." Completed 12.0 hours of training at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida

October 2004: Seminar given by Kathryn Kuehnle, Ph.D. - "Complex Child Custody Evaluations Involving Allegations of Incest and Abuse." Completed 6.0 hours of training at the University of South Florida

Orlando, Florida 2002: Summit on DCF Juvenile Dependency Court Update
February 2000: Attended an all day workshop given by Stephen Ceci, Ph.D.,
titled – “Preserving the Reliability of Children’s Testimonies.” 7.0 CEU’s
at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida.

Conference Presentations Given:

Tampa Tea Party: Tampa, Florida. April 11, 2015; Child Abuse and the Accused: The Law, the Science and the Reality. Invited Keynote Speaker.

American Board of Vocational Experts: San Antonio, Texas. March 21, 2015; Maintaining Credible Testimony when Psychological/Physiological Illnesses are Prominent. Invited Speaker.

From 1993 – 2008, I presented scores of workshops and plenary sessions that addressed and dealt with divorce, child custody, BPD (Borderline Personality Disorder), PA (Parental Alienation), SAID (Sexual Allegations In Divorce) Syndrome, and child suggestibility/memory source contamination in Massachusetts, New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, Florida, California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Washington, and Canada. I presented at the CRC (Children’s Rights Council) in 1993, 1994, 1996, 1999, 2001, and 2002.

Certifications:

Certified Forensic Consultant (CFC) – 2014 - American College of Forensic Examiners Institute (ACFEI)

Registered Child Forensic Interviewer (RCFI) - Re-Certified to 2023 - National Association of Certified Child Forensic Interviewers (NACCFI). www.nacffi.com

Diplomate - American Board of Forensic Examiners (D-ABFE)

State Approved Expert (Vendor) : Florida - JAC Vendor ID F841833115001

Qualifications and Experience:

Dean Tong is a nationally recognized author, forensic consultant, and expert witness, concentrating in the areas of divorce, child custody, abuse accusations, albeit, sexual or physical child abuse, domestic violence, et al, Sexual Allegations In Divorce (SAID), Parental Alienation (PA), et al. Mr. Tong has tendered testimony as an expert witness in forensic child psychology; including cognitive developmental child psychology and evidence-based best practices of child forensic interviews, the handling/mis-handling of child protective investigations by CPS and the Police including memory source monitoring et al, Parental Alienation/SAID, sexual interest risk assessment testing of the accused, and iatrogenic effects of de novo child sex abuse therapy. He has testified as an expert witness in court cases 40 times from 15 states and tendered as an expert in 17 states; in civil cases from W. Virginia (twice), Tennessee (5 times), Kentucky, North Carolina, Rhode Island, California, Virginia (three times), Vermont, Florida (6 times), Kansas, Arizona, Georgia, and N. Dakota. He's testified as an expert witness in criminal cases from Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Arizona, Idaho, and California.

Tong has been Court approved as an Expert in indigent TPR/Criminal cases with the Office of the Public Defender in Florida (JAC), South Dakota, West Virginia, Iowa, Alabama, Arizona (Maricopa County OPDS), Georgia, Minnesota, Texas, and in California. Courts have accepted Mr. Tong's testimony in the areas of child forensic psychology; including cognitive child developmental psychology; best practices methodology of forensic child interviews of children allegedly abused on DVD, audio, and/or via transcript, signs and symptoms of sexually abused children; CPS/Police handling of child protective investigations; SAID (Sexual Allegations In Divorce), Parental Alienation (PA); de facto/de novo child psychotherapy at the pre-adjudication litigation stage in alleged child sex cases and Sexual Abuse Treatment Programs (SATP); risk assessment psycho-sexual interest testing of the accused, and child suggestibility/memory source monitoring/possible memory source contamination.

He has consulted in protracted divorce, custody and contested abuse-related cases since 1995 and has been involved in the field of child sexual abuse accusations since 1984. Tong has been retained as a consulting or testimonial expert in court cases from all 50 states by parents and/or attorneys. As an Expert, Civil Courts in FL, TN, and GA have excluded him from the Rule of Sequestration. Mr. Tong has also testified as an Expert at Post-Conviction Criminal Court Evidentiary Hearings in Florida (3.850). He has worked with the Florida Legislature impacting the passage of 3 laws - the Spanking Bill; the Malicious False Child Abuse Statute (F.S. Ch. 39.205(9)) and the repeal of the Florida Child Abuse Registry. Dean Tong, in addition to his work involving legal cases in family, juvenile, criminal, administrative appeals and state appellate courts, has testified as an expert witness in a criminal case pre-trial "taint hearing." Tong, a former Medical School attendee and licensed laboratory medical technologist and hematology specialist in hospitals and reference labs in facilities in Massachusetts, Florida and Georgia, worked in the medical field from 1976 - 2001. Dean Tong was admitted to the University of St. Lucia School of Medicine - Medical School in 1983 in the Caribbean in the West Indies. He attended the same for about 4 months.

Of significance, to protective parents/usually mothers who have lost child custody or may lose child custody in the future due to alleged false allegations of abuse, failure to protect, parental alienation, or PCF/FDIA by Proxy (aka Pediatric Falsification Disorder) or Malingering, et al Mr. Tong has been retained as an Expert to assist the same litigants and their attorneys in several of these cases, nationally, including cases where mothers are falsely accused of "coaching" their children to make allegations of sexual abuse against men and fathers. More recently, Mr. Tong has been retained as an Expert to help defend the accused in a case of alleged sexual assault involving the United States Center for SafeSport (USCSS).

Publications:

Dean Tong's third book *Elusive Innocence: Survival Guide for the Falsely Accused* (Huntington House, 2002) received peer-reviewed recognition in a professional journal – *The American Journal of Family Therapy* May/June issue 2006 published by Francis & Taylor Group (Routledge) in a scientific article titled *Parentectomy in the Crossfire*. *Elusive Innocence* obtained legal peer review, also, in the University of Florida's Levin College of Law publication titled *Legal Alert*.

Tong's first book, *Don't Blame ME, Daddy* (Hampton Roads, 1992) was groundbreaking in that it was the first work in any commercial bookstore addressing false/unfounded child sexual abuse allegations issues within the dynamic of high-conflict divorces and child custody battles. Tong also contributed a Chapter titled *Falsely Accused: From Victim to Victor* published by Mithra Publishing, 2015 as well as a Chapter titled *Find Your Calling Through a Horrific Memory: the Story of a Victim Turned Expert* in the book *The Ultimate Guide to Healing Your Past* published by Frank Healy (2015). Tong is also Author of the paper – *Pitfalls When Divorcing a BPD Spouse*, and Creator of the taped series' – *Sexual Allegations in the 90's* and *In Fear of Fathers*. Dean Tong's work; and specifically his scientific article and third book have been cited by scores of psychologists in their works.

Dean Tong is the author of a scientific peer reviewed journal article titled “The Penile Plethysmograph, Abel Assessment for Sexual Interest and MSI-II: Are They Speaking the Same Language?” published by Taylor and Francis in their May – June 2007 issue of *The American Journal of Family Therapy*. Tong's scientific study, which achieved statistical and clinical significance, is referenced by Gene Abel, M.D. at his web site here <http://abelscreening.com/research-development/>. On

January 13, 2009 Tong's study and article was cited and quoted by the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals for Western Wisconsin in the case of *The United States of America v. Bruce J. Rhodes* (Case No. 07-3953) referencing the Penile Plethysmograph. The exact scientific citation for Tong's article is:

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DOI: 10.1080/01926180701226762...In addition, Tong's peer-reviewed psychosexual study above has been cited by psychologists at www.researchgate.net in the *Journal of Sexual Aggression* (9/15) and the *Archives of Sexual Behavior* (10/14), and in the scientific peer-reviewed journal article *William & Mary Journal of Women and the Law*, Vol. 24, Issue 3, 2018 -*The Hard Truth about the Penile Plethysmograph: Gender Disparity and the Untenable Standard in the Fourth Circuit* by Lindsay Blumberg, and in the book chapter titled *Sexually Problematic Behaviors - Forensic Mental Health Evaluations in the Digital Age* - published by Springer in February 2020. Overall, Tong's 2007 psychosexual study on risk assessment testing of the accused in alleged child sex abuse cases has been read over 2300 times and cited ~20 times in collateral peer-reviewed journal articles.

Book Contributions/Mentions:

Don't Blame ME, Daddy (1992)

Ashes to Ashes Families to Dust (1997)

Stop Walking on Eggshells (1998)

Child Abuse: Current Controversies (2001)

Elusive Innocence (2002)

Taken Into Custody (2007)

Reaction and Resistance: Feminism, Law, and Social Change by Chun, et al (2007)

I'm Going to be a Dad, Now What? (2009)

Walking Your Life (2015)

He Said, She S.A.I.D. (2020/2022)

Striking Down the Home (2021)

The Respondent (2021)

Professional Articles Authorship (2021-2022):

<https://familylawyermagazine.com/articles/divorces-atomic-bomb-child-sexual-abuse-through-the-lens-of-an-expert/>

<https://www.divorcemag.com/articles/family-courts-gender-bender-backlash-against-moms-coaching-their-kids>

<https://www.divorcemag.com/articles/false-abuse-allegations-are-a-form-of-parental-alienation>

<https://www.divorcemag.com/articles/ive-been-accused-of-child-abuse-but-theres-no-evidence>

Organizations:

Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA): Associate Member

American Psychological Association (APA): Associate Member

APA Division 37: Member - Child Maltreatment and Family Law

APA Division 41: Member - American Psychology Law Society (APLS)

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC)

National Prevention Science Coalition (NPSC)

Parental Alienation Study Group (PASG): Invited by William Bernet, M.D.

Florida Bar Association Family Law Section: Affiliate Member

Media:

Mr. Tong has appeared as a regional and national broadcast and print media interviewee, and commentator since his first radio spot on WDBO Orlando, Florida in 1989. Since that time and over the past 3+ decades, he has appeared on Inside Edition, Court-TV, CNN (Nancy Grace), CBS Evening News w/Dan Rather, Montel Williams, Crier Live, ABC Prime Time Thursday w/Diane Sawyer and Charles Gibson, MSNBC, FOX News Channel, Dr. Phil, Both Sides w/Vinny Politan, A Current Affair, CBS 48 Hours, Dateline NBC, Discovery Channel, and Huff Post Live, ESPN Radio, Focus on the Family w/Dr. James Dobson, WMAL, Radio America, KOA, WLW, WOAI, WBZ, KABC, KGO, American Freedom Network, Talk America, Sun Radio, Featured w/celebrity Attorney Gloria Allred, WWRC w/Morton Downey Jr., and in The Florida Bar Journal, Christian Science Monitor, Washington Post, Skeptical Inquirer, salon.com, Orlando Sentinel, ifeminists.com, Nursing Spectrum, Fostering Families Today, Deseret News, Las Vegas Review Journal, Boston Globe, Denver Post, Gannett News, Rolling Stone Magazine, The Globe, Wall Street Journal, International Business Times, United Press International, exceptionalmag.com, fatherly.com, Divorce Magazine, Family Lawyer Magazine, thriveglobal.com, Quillette.com, The Epoch Times, upjourney.com, verywellmind.com, enstars.com, National Enquirer.

Awards & Significant Events:

Mention in the book "The Respondent" authored by Greg Ellis with contributions from Actors Johnny Depp and Alec Baldwin (2021)
Top 5% Researcher at academia.edu (June 2018)
Marquis Who's Who Albert Nelson Lifetime Achievement Award (2019/2018)
Featured Interviewee: Casualties of W.A.R. Documentary - A Yah Filmworks Production (2017).
Wikipedia (2013)
National Council of American Executives – 2014 Elite American Executive
Global interview for college-based audience on “Forensics” at elearners.com
Expert Commentator for Casey Anthony Case - 2011 (Orlando Sentinel – Anthony Collarossi, Reporter)
FOX News Radio Legal Analyst
Media Commentator at Michael Jackson Trial for Court-TV- 2005
Trial/Media Consultant for Bridget Marks' Case – 2004
National Wall of Tolerance sponsored by Rosa Parks
Legal and Media Consultant for Elian Gonzalez Case
Media Commentator for other following high-profile cases:
Duke University Rape Scandal
Congressman Mark Foley Scandal
Kobe Bryant
Catholic Church Sex Abuse Scandal
Paula Poundstone
Megan’s Law
Michael Jackson (1993 & 2003-2005)
Woody Allen
Who’s Who in Medicine & Healthcare
Dept. of Health & Rehabilitative Services – Florida
American Coalition for Fathers & Children
Mayor Ed Austin – Jacksonville, Florida
Northwest Child Abuse Defense Resource Center
Candidate for Florida State House in 1994
Testified in precedent setting ‘prospective child abuse’ case in 1992 in Clay County, Florida – In The Interest of S.S.J.

References:

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