

# ***DEAN TONG, MSc., CFC***

## ***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 Cases"

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:***

*Dean Tong Training Video for Attorneys, et al -  
[https://youtu.be/SR0\\_ryU4ZsU](https://youtu.be/SR0_ryU4ZsU) (June 2022 w/Lawrence DeMarco, Esq.)*

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.naccfi.com](http://www.naccfi.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 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 (SATP).

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 psychology and social science; including cognitive child developmental psychology; evidence-based best practices methodology of forensic interviews of children allegedly abused, child suggestibility/memory source monitoring/possible memory source contamination, et al. Mr. Tong has testified as an Expert Witness over 50 times including depositions, and in 16 States he has tendered Expert Witness testimony.

He has consulted on protracted divorce, custody and contested abuse-related (high-conflict) 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 in alleged child sexual and physical abuse cases, failure to protect, shaken baby syndrome, coaching, Factitious Disorder by Proxy, and domestic violence cases. As an Expert, Civil Courts in FL, TN, GA and MI 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 Law; 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, Shaken Baby Syndrome - failure to protect, failure to thrive, 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 maternal 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: *The American Journal of Family Therapy*, 35:187-202, 2007  
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ISSN: 0192-6187 print / 1521-0383 online  
DOI: 10.1080/01926180701226762...In addition, Tong's peer-reviewed psychosexual study above has been cited by psychologists at [www.researchgate.net](http://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 2500 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:***

Tapped a local Hero by The Patch in an article published on 12-7-22  
Mentioned 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  
JonBenet Ramsey  
Megan’s Law  
Michael Jackson (1993 & 2003-2005)  
Woody Allen  
Who’s Who in Medicine & Healthcare  
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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