

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

## ***Curriculum Vitae***

### ***Personal/Professional***

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### ***Education:***

Master of Science (MSc.) Degree combined in Psychology and the Law in Child Forensic Studies from the Universities of Portsmouth/Leeds in the UK in England (2006), which is recognized by the British Psychological Society, and obtained via long distance learning. Bachelor of Science (BS) in Biology with minors in psychology and pre-medicine 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/Webinars Attended:***

February 2024: Assessing False Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse and Issues Regarding Recantation

October 2023: Current Perspectives on Trauma, Memories, Substance Use, and Treatment sponsored by Mass General Brigham McLean

September 2023: 2-Day Webinar - Scientific Evidence and the Courts; Sponsored by the AAAS

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

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/Webinars Given:***

False Allegations of Child Abuse including PA: From A-Z - (Families Divided TV)

The Ins and Outs of Child Forensic Interviews - (Families Divided TV)

When Child Protective Services Knocks on Your Door - (Families Divided TV)

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

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 October 2025 - National  
Association of Certified Child Forensic Interviewers (NACCFI). [www.nacffi.com](http://www.nacffi.com)

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

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

***State Approved Expert (Vendor): Arizona - VC0000010666***

### ***Qualifications and Experience:***

Dean Tong is a nationally recognized author, forensic consultant, and expert  
witness, concentrating in the areas of divorce, child custody, abuse allegations,

albeit, sexual/physical child abuse, domestic violence, et al, SAID/PA, et al. Mr. Tong has tendered expert witness testimony in 19 States in cognitive developmental child psychology (includes child suggestibility, memory, source monitoring and source mis-attribution errors, et al), evidence-based best practices in child forensic interview methodologies, handling/mis-handling of child protective investigations by CPS/Police, risk assessment sexual interest testing, SAID/PA, and potential iatrogenic psychotherapy by children's therapists.

Mr. Tong has been Court approved as an Expert in indigent Criminal/TPR cases with the Offices of the Public Defender in Florida (JAC), South Dakota, West Virginia, Iowa, Alabama, Arizona (Maricopa County (OPDS)), Georgia, Minnesota, Texas, California and in Maine. 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 and memory, child protective services/police investigations, SAID/PA, and psychosexual risk assessment testing. Mr. Tong has tendered as an Expert Witness in 20 States and testified as an Expert Witness approximately 65 times in 19 States (criminal/civil). States where Mr. Tong has testified as an Expert Witness:

VT, MA, RI, VA, W.VA., NC, GA, FL, AL, IA, KY, TN, ID, AZ, CA, ND, KS, MI, ME

He has consulted on protracted divorce, custody and contested abuse-related (high-conflict) cases since January 1995, and has been involved in child custody/sexual abuse accusations cases since 1984. Tong has been retained as a consulting and/or testifying 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), et al. Mr. 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 criminal/juvenile case pre-trial "taint hearings." Mr. Tong, a former Medical School attendee (1983), is a former licensed lab medical technologist and has reviewed hundreds of ano-genital SANE reports during his career. He possesses advanced medical knowledge to be able to assist in medical child abuse court cases; including alleged FDIA/Munchausen Syndrome, Shaken Baby Syndrome, Sex Crimes Rape Kit cases, et al. 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 coaching, Mr. Tong can help. More recently, Mr. Tong has been retained as an Expert to help defend the accused in a case of alleged delayed disclosure sexual assault cases 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* (2002).

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 published scientific article and third book have been peer-reviewed/cited by a number of psychologists within their published 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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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. Tong's 2007 published psychosexual study on risk assessment testing of the accused in alleged child sex abuse cases has been reviewed approximately 3000 times and cited >20 times in collateral peer-reviewed/published journal articles.

### ***Book Contributions/Mentions: 12***

*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)

American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC)

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, 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, The GLOBE Magazine, et al

## ***Awards & Significant Events:***

Invited Participant at April 25, 2024 Parental Alienation Awareness Summit via South Africa -----

Testified as an Expert Witness at a U.S. Center for Safe Sport (USCSS) JAMS Hearing in December 2023 in a case that had been covered in USA Today  
Assisted a Public Defender in a Juvenile Court TPR case, successfully so, against Michigan DHS "Pro Bono" (December 2023) and testified as an Expert Witness at the same via Zoom

Local Hero by The Pasco County Patch in article published on December 7, 2022

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)

National Council of American Executives – 2014 Elite American Executive Wikipedia (2013)

Global interview for college-based audience on "Forensics" at elearners.com

FOX News Radio Legal Analyst (2009) JonBenet Ramsey Case (Touch DNA)

Media Commentator - Darren Mack Murder Case - 2006 - CNN/MSNBC, et al

Media Commentator at Michael Jackson Trial for Court-TV, et al - 1993/2005

Trial/Media Consultant for NY socialite Bridget Marks' Case – 2004/2005

National Wall of Tolerance sponsored by Rosa Parks

Legal and Media Consultant for Elian Gonzalez Case

Media Commentator for Casey Anthony, Duke University Rape Scandal, Kobe Bryant and Woody Allen (1992- 2012)

Pictured with late Florida Governor Lawton Chiles – Tallahassee, Florida (1995)

Testified in precedent setting 'prospective child abuse' case in 1992 in Clay County, Florida – In The Interest of S.S.J.

**References furnished upon request**

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