

DEAN TONG, MSc., RCFI, LLC

Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

Master of Science (MSc.) Degree combined in Psychology and the Law in the field of Child Forensic Studies from the Universities of Portsmouth/Leeds in the United Kingdom in England (2006) which is recognized by the British Psychological Society (BPS is akin to our APA), and was 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.

Conference Presentations/Webinars Attended:

March 2025: APSAC – Continuation of All of the B'S of Child Physical Abuse (Baffling, Bizarre, and Beyond Belief Child Abuse Cases)
March 2025: APSAC - All of the B's of Child Physical Abuse – LeBlanc & Armstrong
February 2025: USC Gould School of Law – Dr. Tom Lyon - The Illusion of Adolescent Reluctance in Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) cases
November 2024: APSAC - Dr. Thomas Lyon - Minimal Facts Interviews of Children
February 2024: 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 and McLean Hospital
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 - Via 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: "Conduct-

ing 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 at USF. - “Complex Child Custody Cases”

2002: Summit on DCF Juvenile Dependency Court Update- Orlando, Florida

February 2000: Attended an all day workshop given by Stephen Ceci, Ph.D., titled – “Preserving the Reliability of Children’s Testimonies.” USF: Tampa, Florida

Conference Seminars/Webinars Presented:

October 2024: False Allegations: Navigating the 3-Ring Circus (Families Divided TV)

August 2024: False Allegations for Dummies (Families Divided TV)

July 18, 2024: Current Challenges in Forensic Science: Speaker at 11th Global Scientific Conference on Forensic Science - sponsored by the Global Scientific Guild and Invited Guest Speaker

January 2024: When Child Protective Services Knocks on Your Door (Families Divided TV)

August 2023: The Ins and Outs of Child Forensic Interviews - (Families Divided TV)

January 2023: False Allegations of Child Abuse including PA: From A-Z - (Families Divided TV)

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

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

1993 – 2008: I presented at a bevy of workshops and plenary sessions that addressed divorce, child custody, PA (Parental Alienation), SAID (Sexual Allegations In Divorce), and child suggestibility/memory source contamination in Massachusetts, New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, Florida, California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Washington, and Canada.

Certifications:

Registered Child Forensic Interviewer (RCFI) - Re-Certified to October 2025 - National Association of Certified Child Forensic Interviewers (NACCFI - www.nacffi.com)

State Approved Expert (Vendor): Florida – JAC (justiceadmin.org) - Vendor ID F841833115001

State Approved Expert (Vendor): Arizona - VC0000010666 (Maricopa County) & 0009552 (Yavapai County) and State Approved Expert (Vendor): Missouri - No. 23SU - CC00008

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, (twice), Idaho, and California. Mr. Tong has worked cases from all 50 States, albeit, sexual/physical child abuse, domestic violence, et al, SAID/PA, et al. Mr. Tong has tendered expert witness testimony since December 2001 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 in de novo high-conflict court cases. Mr. Tong has testified as a "blind or cold case" Expert Witness in a criminal jury trial from California. And, he's assisted in a Military "JAG" case that began as a criminal case in Florida. Mr. Tong has been Court approved as an Expert in indigent Criminal/TPR cases

with the Offices of the Public Defender and Office of Public/Indigent Defense Services in Florida (JAC), South Dakota, West Virginia, Iowa, Alabama, Arizona (Maricopa County OPDS), Georgia, Minnesota, Texas, California, Maine, and Missouri. 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 19 States and testified as an Expert Witness over 70 times (criminal/civil courts). Not including Depositions, Mr. Tong has testified before Judges and/or Juries in VT, MA, RI, VA, W.VA., NC, GA, FL, AL, IA, KY, TN, ID, AZ, CA, ND, KS, MI, ME.

Mr. Tong 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/thrive, 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. And, for protective parents (usually mothers) who have lost child custody or may lose child custody in the future due to alleged false allegations of coaching or alienation, Mr. Tong has helped in many cases.

Publications:

Under Contract: Dean Tong is Co-Authoring with a Clinical/Forensic Psychologist an academic guidebook tentatively titled Parents' Pawns: How children are used as weapons in false allegations of abuse cases, and is slated to be published in 2025. Dean Tong's third book Elusive Innocence: Survival Guide for the Falsely Accused (Huntington House, 2002) received peer-reviewed recognition in the May/June 2006 issue of The American Journal of Family Therapy in a scientific article titled Parentectomy in the Crossfire. In addition, the book was reviewed in Legal Alert published by the Florida Bar in 2002. Mr. Tong's first book, Don't Blame ME, Daddy (Hampton Roads, 1992) was groundbreaking in that it was the first published work in any commercial bookstore addressing false/unfounded child sexual abuse allegations 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). Mr. 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 peer-reviewed scientific journal article and third book have been cited by a bevy of psychologists within their own 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. Mr. 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 Mr. 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 Mr. Tong's article is: The American Journal of Family Therapy, 35:187-202, 2007 Copyright Taylor & Francis Group, LLC 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 in the Journal of Sexual Aggression (9/15), 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. Mr. Tong's 2007 published psychosexual study on risk assessment testing of the accused in alleged child sex abuse cases has been viewed over 3000 times and cited more than 20 times in collateral peer-reviewed/published 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)
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.

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, et al

Awards & Significant Events:

April 2025: Tong's Psychosexual Published Study cited in book chapter Best Practices in the Assessment of Abuse – Related Sexual Interests and cited within the book Best Practices in Sexual Offender Assessment and Management
2024: Internationally published article on Parental Alienation in the Brad Pitt - Angelina Jolie Custody Case
April 25, 2024: Invited participant in Parental Alienation Awareness Summit via South Africa
December 2023: Assisted Public Defender in a Juvenile Court TPR case, successfully so, against Michigan DHS "Pro Bono" and testified as an Expert Witness at the same via Zoom
December 2022: Local Hero by The Pasco County Patch published in Tampa Bay, Florida
2021: Mentioned in the book "The Respondent" authored by Greg Ellis with contributions from Actors Johnny Depp and Alec Baldwin
June 2018: Top 5% Researcher at academia.edu
2018/2019: Marquis Who's Who Albert Nelson Lifetime Achievement Award
2017: Featured Interviewee: Casualties of W.A.R. Documentary - A Yah Filmworks Production
2013: National Council of American Executives – 2014 Elite American Executive
Wikipedia
Global interview for college-based audience on "Forensics" at elearners.com
2009: FOX News Radio Legal Analyst for JonBenet Ramsey Case (On Touch DNA)
2006: Media Commentator - Darren Mack Murder Case – CNN/MSNBC/Fox News Channel, et al
2005: Media Commentator at Michael Jackson Case/Trial for Court-TV, et al
2004/2005: Trial/Media Consultant for NY socialite Bridget Marks' Case with national appearances on Dr. Phil and A Current Affair, et al
National Wall of Tolerance sponsored by Rosa Parks

2000: Media and Forensic Consultant for Juan Miguel Gonzalez in Elian Gonzalez case
Media Commentator for other nationally-known cases: "Kiss" Case (Jonathan Prevette), Casey Anthony, Duke University Rape Scandal (Crystal Mangum), Kobe Bryant, 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 - Updated May 2025