

DEAN TONG, MSc., RCFI, LLC

Curriculum Vitae

Personal/Professional:

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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 Webinars/Trainings Attended:

August 2025: NACCFI Webinar (40 Hours) on the NICHD Structured Child Forensic Interview Model - Trained in NICHD/NACCFI evidence-based best practices methodologies. As a result, I hold a Lifetime Certification in NACCFI.
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 Trainings/Webinars/Seminars Presented:

July 2025: Online training in evidence-based best practices in child forensic interviews to 72 Investigators/Paralegals with the Minnesota Board of Public Defense Services

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/State Court Expert Vendor Approvals:

Registered Child Forensic Interviewer (RCFI) - National Association of Certified Child Forensic Interviewers (NACCFI) - www.nacffi.com - Lifetime Certified - D-ABFE (Diplomate w/American Board of Forensic Examiners).

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 trial consultant, and subject matter expert who consults on and testifies in high-conflict divorce, child custody, abuse allegations, and parental alienation-related court cases. 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 20 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, child protective investigations by CPS/Police, risk assessment sexual interest testing, SAID/PA, and potential iatrogenic/inimical 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. Mr. Tong has assisted in several "Indigency - In Forma Pauperis" cases from a dozen states and at discounted rates, and has been approved by many Judges and public defenders' offices. In Criminal and Dependency/TPR complex child sex abuse cases nationwide, Mr. Tong has worked as both a Consulting and Testifying Expert for the Defense - including Jury Trials - and closely

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 et al), 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 20 States and has testified as an Expert Witness ~80 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, and PA.

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 as well as British Columbia, Canada and Auckland, New Zealand 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 attorneys in many cases.

Publications:

Under Contract and In Press: Dean Tong is Co-Authoring an academic book with a Clinical/Forensic Psychologist titled Parents' Pawns: Expert Advice in Navigating False Allegations and Parental Alienation which will be published around May 25, 2026. 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 in the book Child Abuse: Current Controversies published by Greenhaven Press and edited by Thomson Reuters in 2006. 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 psychosexual 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 including in Akerman, G. & Beech, A.R. (2012). A systematic review of measures of deviant sexual interest and arousal. Psychiatry, Psychology and Law, 19(1), 118-143.

Book Contributions/Mentions:

Don't Blame ME, Daddy (1992) - Author
Ashes to Ashes Families to Dust (1997) - Author
Stop Walking on Eggshells (1998)
Child Abuse: Current Controversies (2001)
Elusive Innocence (2002) - Author
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) - Author of Foreword
Walking Your Life (2015)
He Said, She S.A.I.D. (2020/2022)
Striking Down the Home (2021)
The Respondent (2021)
Parents' Pawns (2026, In Press) - Co-Author

Professional Articles Authorship (2021-2022):

Family Lawyer Magazine and Divorce Magazine - I authored four (4) published articles on SAID (Sexual Allegations In Divorce), Parental Alienation, Hearsay Evidence, and Moms falsely accused of coaching their children to accuse opposing parents of sex abuse and that included information on child forensic interviews.

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 Professionals Solving 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, Peter G podcast, 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
2014: National Council of American Executives – 2014 Elite American Executive
2013: 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 Focus on the Family w/Dr. James Dobson (Internationally broadcasted radio show on corporal punishment v. child physical abuse); 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)

1992: Testified in precedent setting case In the Interest of SSJ in Juvenile Court ‘prospective child abuse’ case in Clay County, Florida. Also, in 1992 my first book Don't Blame ME, Daddy: False Accusations of Child Sexual Abuse - A Hidden National Tragedy was published by Hampton Roads in Virginia. This book was the first in its genre to be accepted by all major national bookstores - B Dalton's, Waldenbooks and Borders' Books.

References furnished upon request - Updated June 2026