

State-of-the Art Use of Actuarial Instruments in the Forensic Assessment of Sex Offenders

OCTOBER 6, 2005 • 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
William Mitchell College of Law

Actuarial Instruments are necessary tools in the risk assessment of sexual offenders. It is important for forensic psychologists, attorneys and judges to understand their principles and limitations. This conference will review the currently accepted actuarial instruments and discuss significant factors, such as age, that impact their interpretation.

Chief Presenter: Dr. Howard Barbaree

Dr. Howard Barbaree is currently Professor and Head, Law and Mental Health Program in the Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto, and Clinical Director, Law and Mental Health Program, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. He has devoted much of his professional career to research, teaching and clinical practice related to sexual aggression and sexual deviance. Dr. Barbaree has published numerous journal articles and book chapters on the topic and he is co-editor of the Handbook of Sexual Assault: Issues, Theories, and Treatment of the Offender (Plenum), and The Juvenile Sex Offender (Guildford). Dr. Barbaree has served as a member of the NIMH Violence and Traumatic Stress Grant Review Committee. In 2000, Dr. Barbaree received the Significant Achievement Award from the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers. In 2004, Dr. Barbaree began a four-year term as the Editor-in-Chief of the journal Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment.

Moderators:

- Dr. Paul Reitman, L.P., provides clinical and forensic services. He is on staff at four Twin Cities hospitals and has been doing civil commitments for SDP/SPP, MI,CD and MI&D since 1990.*
- Prof. Eric S. Janus, William Mitchell College of Law.*

Panelists:

- Dr. Rosemary Linderman, Psy.D. L.P. ABPP, is in private clinical and forensic practice. She is the director of Psychological Services in Austin, MN.*
- Dr. James Gilbertson, L.P. L.M.F.T., has been in private practice in forensic and clinical psychology and has been doing risk assessments for sexual recidivism for 30 years.*
- Dr. Thomas Alberg, L.P., is in private practice and is the director of Alberg & Associates. He has been doing risk assessments for the past 15 years.*
- Dr. Lawrence Panceria, L.P. ABPP, Chief Psychologist of Hennepin County District Court Psychological Services. He is the coordinator for the psychological expert panel for SDP/SPP cases.*
- Dr. Roger Sweet, L.P., is in private forensic practice and has been doing risk assessments for the past 30 years.*
- Jerry Kaplan, L.P., is the executive director of Alpha Human Services, which has the only residential sex offender program in the state of Minnesota.*
- Steve Huot, L.P., is the director of the Minnesota Sex Offender Program.*
- John Kirwin, J.D., is an Assistant Hennepin County Attorney. He has specialized for more than a decade in the prosecution of sex offender commitment cases.*
- Paul Clabo, J.D., is an Assistant Anoka County Attorney.*
- Geoffrey A. Hjerleid, J.D., is Senior Assistant of the Olmstead County Civil Division.*
- Honorable Peter Albrecht, Hennepin County District Court, Minnesota.*
- Minnesota Senator Donald Betzold, defense attorney in sex offender commitment proceedings.*
- Angela Helseth, J.D., Assistant Attorney General.*
- Warren Maas, J.D., an attorney with years of experience defending sex offender commitment cases.*

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Conference Details

When: **October 6, 2005**
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Conference sessions run from 9 a.m.–noon and 1–4 p.m. Lunch is on your own.

Where: *William Mitchell College of Law*
875 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55105-3076

Cost: *Full registration fee: \$125 per person*
Group rate (five or more): \$100 per person
Full-time students: Free

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