

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

California School of Professional Psychology

M.A., 1984; Ph.D., 1987

California State University, Northridge

B.A., Psychology 1980

University of North Wales, Bangor, U.K.

Junior Year, Psychology

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION/AFFILIATIONS

Licensed Psychologist, State of Massachusetts

Affiliate, Department of Psychiatry, UMASS Medical School

Member, American Psychological Association

Member, Massachusetts Psychological Association

Qualified Forensic Expert, Bridgewater State Hospital, Massachusetts

Certified Health Provider, Massachusetts

Member, American Psychology-Law Society

Board of Directors Member, Eastern Claims Conference

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Independent Claim Consultants Network, LLP (ICCN)

(Formerly Lori Cohen, Ph.D. & Associates)

CEO, Director

November 1997 – Present: Provide consultation and analysis of psychiatric and subjective claims for disability, personal injury, property/casualty, and workers' compensation claims. Trainings and ongoing consultations for attorneys, forensic psychologists and psychiatrists, case management professionals, and insurance personnel include comprehensive tools for claim analysis and management. Equip clients with productive information-gathering procedures. Facilitate development of specialized psychiatric and co-morbid claim units. ICCN's mental health consultants include, but are not limited to, experts in neuropsychology, psychiatry, and psychology. Peer reviews are conducted by experts in internal medicine, orthopedics, physical medicine and rehabilitation, cardiology, etc. Specialized training is offered in effective interviewing skills with treatment providers. ICCN's Independent Medical Evaluation network for IMEs and peer reviews includes rigorous screening of sample reports prior to inclusion in the network of experts. ICCN's file reviews include preparation of case-specific questions for an IME, and expert critique of reports post-IME for purposes of intellectual rigor. ICCN provides litigation consultation with attorneys to provide pre-hearing analyses of claims and

assistance with deposition and trial testimony preparation. ICCN provides corporate consultation on issues relating to best practices, audits, and programmatic development.

Associate in the Department of Psychiatry, UMASS Medical School

2004 – Present: Provide training and supervision to Forensic Psychiatry Fellows (psychologists and psychiatrists) on conducting peer reviews for disability and workers' compensation claims.

Psychiatric Disability Consultants, Inc.

Clinical Director

10/92 – 10/97: Hired, trained, and supervised licensed psychologists nationwide for consulting to the disability insurance industry on psychiatric disability claims. Conducted and supervised thousands of peer reviews, and trained and consulted with examiners, management, and attorneys. Supervised program for on-site interviews with insureds and their attending physicians. Co-developed nationwide IME network.

Forensic Evaluations/Postdoctoral Training

6/97 – 1/98: Criminal forensic evaluations at Bridgewater State Hospital. Assessment of competency to stand trial, criminal responsibility, and need for further care and treatment issues.

Clinical Psychologist/Private Practice

1985 – 1992: Psychotherapy with adults, adolescents, children and families. Long-term psychodynamic treatment and brief supportive psychotherapy.

Consulting Psychologist

Century City Hospital, Century City, CA

1990 – 1992: Supervised doctoral graduate students, professional and vocational nursing staff in short-term care of profoundly disturbed adults in a forty-eight bed psychiatric unit.

Clinical Psychologist

Erik and Joan Erikson Center, Tarzana, CA

1989 – 1991: Individual short- and long-term psychotherapy for moderate-severely disturbed adolescents. Group therapy for adolescent boys and training of milieu staff.

Clinical Psychologist/Independent Contractor

Barrington Psychiatric Center, Los Angeles, CA

8/83 - 5/92: Psychological evaluations and comprehensive forensic reports for workers' compensation and personal injury cases. Consulted with multidisciplinary staff. Trained doctoral-level personnel in evaluation techniques.

Intake Examiner; Bloch Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA

10/82 - 2/83

Program Coordinator and Teacher; Behavioral Development Center, Providence, RI

9/80-6/81

TRAINING AND CONSULTATION

July 2017 The University of Michigan and The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) training: Introduction to Mental Health Psychiatric Disability Evaluations and Peer Reviews (with Debra Pinals, MD) – Ann Arbor

April 2017 AIG: International Disability Claims, PTSD, DBA claims, and Monitoring on-going claims – Dallas, TX

June 2016 Regions Financial Training: Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Following Bank Robbery: Risk Factors and the Management of the Psychiatric Claim – Alabama

2002 – 2017: Yearly Seminar and Supervision for UMASS Forensic Psychiatry and Psychology Fellow Program: Conducting Independent Disability Evaluations and Peer Reviews – Worcester, MA

May 2016 CDS: Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Claims – Maine

May 2016 DIS: Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Claims – Connecticut

February 2015 – International Eastern Claims Conference : Developer and co-presentor of “Mind Over Matter” exploring “somatizing syndromes”. Nearly one third of all primary health care visits and 80% of health care dollars are devoted to these reported symptoms. This seminar explores signs, diagnoses, and treatment options for these prevalent and complicated claims.

March 2009, March 2010, March 2011, March 2012, March 2013, February 2014, February 2015, March 2016, April 2017 Program Committee: Eastern Claims Conference – New York

January 2015 CNA-Chicago: Presentation on DBA and Disability Claims; assessment and management of PTSD and other psychiatric and co-morbid claims.

2014 AIG-DBA Claims: Legal and Risk Management Government Contractor Symposium: Training for attorneys, claims examiners, and case managers in the assessment of psychiatric claims with an emphasis on PTSD and co-morbid claims.

2014 Zurich North America training for claims managers, examiners, and case managers on Federal Worker's Compensation DBA claims from a psychiatric perspective.

2013 The 68th Annual Workers' Compensation Educational Conference: Emotional Injuries under the Longshore and Defense Base Acts

2013 AIG-DBA Claims: Legal and Risk Management Government Contractor Symposium

2013 AIG training for attorneys, claims adjusters, case managers, and vocational rehabilitation counselors: Assessment of Psychiatric Disability

2013 Annual Longshore Conference: Loyola University New Orleans College of Law: The Explosion of Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome and Related Psychological Claims.

2012 AIG training for attorneys, claims examiners, and case managers in assessment of PTSD and co-morbid claims.

2011 Tulane University Forensic Meeting: Hot Topics in Forensic Psychiatry: April 15-17; PTSD Assessment Considerations in Light of Iraq/Afghanistan Trauma Claims

2011 WorldSource/Chartis Insurance: Training for attorneys, claims examiners, and case managers in Assessment and Management of PTSD and co-morbid claims

2011 Western Claim Conference - Indian Wells, CA: "My doctor says...": Explore the value of the treatment providers' data in the assessment of occupational impairment in subjective claims, and how to obtain meaningful information.

2011 International Claim Association Annual Conference – Las Vegas, NV: "My doctor says...": Explore the value of the treatment providers' data in the assessment of occupational impairment in subjective claims, and how to obtain meaningful information.

2010 WorldSource/Chartis Insurance: Training for attorneys, claims examiners, and case managers in Assessment and Management of PTSD and co-morbid claims

2009 AIG WorldSource: Training for attorneys, claims examiners, and case managers in Assessment and Management of PTSD and co-morbid (TBI) DBA claims

2008 AIG WorldSource: Training for attorneys, claims examiners, and case managers in Assessment and Management of PTSD DBA claims

2008 Loyola University New Orleans Annual Longshore Conference: Unique Medical Issues in DBA Claims; Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Co-Morbid Conditions, New Orleans, LA

2008 Eastern Claims Conference: The Importance of Psychological Factors in Pain and Fatigue Claims (with Dr. N. DeFilippis)

2008 Ace/ESIS: Training for claims examiners and case managers in Assessment and Management of PTSD DBA claims

2007 UNUM: The Complex and Co-Morbid Claim: An Investigative Approach

2007 AIG International DBA Claim Symposium: Keynote Speaker "Implications of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Claims to Government Contractors" Washington, DC and Huntington Beach, CA

2006, 2007 Seminar for UMASS Forensic Psychiatry and Psychology Fellow Program: How to Conduct Independent Disability Evaluations and Peer Reviews

2007 Hartford Insurance: Training for case managers in Advanced Treatment Provider Telephone Interviewing Skills

2007 AIG WorldSource: Training for attorneys, claims examiners, and case managers in Assessment and Management of PTSD DBA claims

2006 Case Management Society of New England Conference featured speaker: The Assessment and Management of Subjective Claims: A Forensic-type model

2006 The Hartford Insurance Company -Behavioral Case Management Department training: Advanced Skills in Conducting Treatment Provider Telephone Interviews

2006 - 1993 Training seminars for claims examiners and case managers: Assessment of subjective claims, critique of IMEs, attending physician interviewing skills.

2006 Eastern Claims Conference: Co-Morbid Disability Claims (with Dr. David McDowell) and Bipolar Disorder Claims

2005 AIG-WorldSource presentation for examiners and attorneys: Acute Stress Reaction and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder; Assessment of the Subjective Worker's Compensation Claim

2002 The Hartford Reinsurance Client Day Event: Panel Presentation Complex Claims Assessment and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Claims

2002 Eastern Claims Conference: Complex Co-Morbid Claims Assessment and Management Program. Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Claims Seminar with Dr. DeFilippis, Ph.D.

2001 The Hartford Reinsurance Client Day Event: Complex Co-Morbid Claims Assessment

2000 American Conference Institute "Litigating Disability Claims" designed for plaintiff and defense attorneys, San Diego, CA. (2/00), Boston, MA (6/00)

1999 International Claims Association Conference: Behavioral Healthcare; Florida

1999 Full day CE credit seminar with Dr. David Vore, ABPP Workshop, Independent Psychological and Psychiatric Evaluations: Clinical, Ethical & Practical Issues

1999 JHA: Assessment and Management of Subjective Claims; Maine

1999 American Conference Institute Strategies for Success in Litigating Disability Insurance Claims, Boston, MA.

1999 Seminar presenter: "Assessment and Management of Subjective Claims" JHA, Florida.

1999 Developed and Conducted full-day workshop for Psychologists and Psychiatrists on how to conduct psychiatric disability IMEs. Co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Psychological Association.

1998 International Claims Conference; Assessment of Functional Capacity and the Role of the Attending Physician in Psychiatric Claims.

1997 Workshop for psychiatrist Independent Medical Examiners.

1996 Midwestern Claims Conference (Chicago); Independent Medical Examination and Objectification of the Psychiatric Disability Claim

1990 JCPenny armed robbery: Provided group debriefing for victims of armed robbery.

1988 Reinhold Industries explosion: Group debriefings for PTSD symptoms, individual evaluations.

1988 First Interstate Building fire: Trained managers in detection of PTSD symptoms.

1988 San Francisco area earthquake: Psychological consultant to JCPenny: Conducted group and individual debriefings during aftermath of major earthquake.

1988 Consult for management of Stockton Elementary School shooting: Trained mental health professionals in assessing individuals in need of evaluation and treatment following trauma

1988 Lecturer at California School of Professional Psychology for doctoral-level students on principles and practice of conducting psychological evaluations.

PUBLICATIONS

Cohen, Lori R., "Toward a Better Understanding of the Psychiatric and Co-Morbid Longshore Claim" The Longshore Textbook, Sixth Edition. Ed. Steven M. Birnbaum. Tucson: Lawyers & Judges Publishing Company, Inc., 2010. 53 – 60. Print

Cohen, Lori R., "Treatment Provider Information in the Psychiatric Claim" The Source, CDS, Dec. 2011