

Forensic Psychiatry Consultation Packet

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Defense Only: Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana

Selective Forensic Work Nationwide (Plaintiff & Defense)

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Attorney Information Sheet

Professional Background

Board-certified psychiatrist with over 15 years of clinical experience in inpatient psychiatry, emergency psychiatric evaluations, outpatient psychopharmacology, involuntary treatment decisions, and suicide risk assessment. Experienced in evaluating complex, high-acuity cases with a balanced focus on clinical judgment, systems context, and standards of care.

Forensic Availability

- Defense only: Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana
- Selective plaintiff & defense: All other states

Areas of Expertise

- Standards of care in inpatient and emergency psychiatry
- Suicide and self-harm risk assessment
- Premature discharge and follow-up planning
- Systems factors contributing to adverse outcomes
- Psychopharmacology and medication-related claims
- Diagnostic clarification in contested cases
- Wrongful death / suicide cases (selective)
- Capacity assessments

Approach to Forensic Work

- Provides independent, objective, and evidence-based opinions.
- Conducts comprehensive review of individual clinical decision-making as well as the systems context in which care occurred (policies, staffing, communication practices, supervision structures, and administrative factors).
- Evaluates how clinical environments and operational pressures may shape decision-making while maintaining focus on accepted professional standards of care.
- Emphasizes analysis of case-specific clinical and organizational issues rather than personal criticism, unless individual negligence is clearly demonstrated.
- Applies clinical realism to the evaluation of outcome risk, including the practical realities of inpatient psychiatry, emergency care, and discharge planning.

- Offers no verbal or written opinions until all necessary records have been thoroughly reviewed.

Rates & Retainer

- Initial retainer: \$7,500 (non-refundable; required before work begins)
- Record review / consultation: \$600/hr
- Depositions: \$700/hr (2-hour minimum, prepaid)
- Trial testimony: \$750/hr (half-day minimum, prepaid)
- Travel time: \$400/hr (door-to-door)
- Expenses: billed at cost

Full rate sheet and retainer agreement provided in the forensic packet.

Turnaround & Availability

Cases are accepted selectively to ensure timely, thorough review and availability for deposition or testimony. Most consultations begin within several days of retainer receipt.

Forensic Curriculum Vitae

Office Address

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Board Certification

- American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology – Psychiatry (2011–present)

Licensure

- Kentucky Medical License – Active

Professional Summary

Board-certified psychiatrist with over 15 years of clinical experience across inpatient psychiatry, emergency evaluations, and outpatient psychopharmacology. Extensive background in suicide risk assessment, involuntary treatment decisions, complex diagnostic clarification, and psychopharmacology.

Forensic Availability:

- Defense only: Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana
- Plaintiff and defense: Other U.S. jurisdictions (selective)

Areas of Forensic Interest

- Standards of care in inpatient psychiatry
- Suicide risk assessment & adverse outcomes

- Psychiatric negligence and hospital liability review
- Psychopharmacology–related causation questions
- Diagnostic clarification in contested cases
- Psychiatric injury / emotional damages evaluations
- Capacity assessments
- Wrongful death / suicide cases (selective)

Education

- Psychiatry Residency — University of Louisville, 2010
- M.D. — University of Louisville School of Medicine, 2006
- B.A., History, cum laude — Centre College, 2000

Professional Experience

Founder & Psychiatrist — Next Step 4 Mental Health (2011–present)

- Physician-led outpatient psychiatric practice

Staff Psychiatrist — Baptist Health Corbin (2008–present)

Telepsychiatrist — Cumberland River Community Health (2011–2016)

Instructor of Psychiatry — University of Louisville (2010–2011)

On-Duty Physician — Central State Hospital (2008–2010)

Honors & Awards

- Distinguished Fellow, American Psychiatric Association (2020–present)
- Top Doctor – Louisville Magazine (2015, 2016)
- APA Nancy C.A. Roeske Award (2015)

- Ruby & John Schwab Award (2010)
- Psychiatry Resident Research Award (2010)
- Seven Counties Mental Health Award (2009)
- Excellence in Clinical Education — UofL (2007)
- Phi Beta Kappa (2000)

Selected Publications & Presentations

- Long-term antidepressant research — APA Annual Meeting (2010)
- Presentation — KPMA Annual Meeting (2010)
- Grand Rounds — University of Louisville (2009)
- “Can Your Patient Refuse Treatment?” — The Kentucky Psychiatrist (2008)
- Clock drawing impairment — Journal of the Kentucky Medical Association (2007)

Professional Memberships

- American Psychiatric Association
- Kentucky Psychiatric Medical Association
- Greater Louisville Medical Society

Leadership Roles

- Chair, Kentucky Psychiatric Medical Association Foundation (2022–present)
- Gratis Faculty, University of Louisville (2011–present)

Forensic Training

- Independent study of forensic psychiatry literature, medico-legal principles, and standards of care

Additional Professional Activities

- Advisor to community and organizational leaders on mental health, stigma reduction, and care pathways

Forensic Psychiatry Rate Sheet

I. Retainer and Billing Structure

- Initial Retainer: \$7,500 (non-refundable), required before any work.

II. Hourly Rates

- Record Review / Case Analysis / Consultation / Report Writing: \$600/hr
- Depositions: \$700/hr (2-hour minimum, prepaid)
- Trial Testimony: \$750/hr (half-day minimum, prepaid)
- Travel Time: \$400/hr (door-to-door)
- Expenses billed at actual cost

III. Administrative Support

- Administrative tasks requiring physician oversight: \$200/hr

IV. Cancellation Policies

- Depositions <7 days: 2-hour minimum billed
- Trial <14 days: half-day billed
- Trial <7 days: full-day billed

V. Payment Terms

- Invoices due upon receipt.
- Work may pause if overdue.
- Retainers are non-refundable.

VI. Jurisdictional Boundaries

- Defense Only: Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana

- Selective Plaintiff & Defense: Other states

VII. Contact Information

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Forensic Psychiatry Retainer Agreement

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2. Hourly Rates

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Travel Time: \$400/hr

Expenses billed at actual cost.

3. Scheduling & Cancellations

- Depositions <7 days: 2-hour minimum billed
- Trial <14 days: half-day billed
- Trial <7 days: full-day (8 hours) billed

4. Scope of Work

No opinions provided until adequate materials are reviewed.

5. Independence of Opinion

All findings are objective and evidence-based.

6. Payment Terms

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7. Jurisdictional Boundaries

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Signature: _____ Date: _____