

RELEVANT CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

July 2018 Keynote Speaker Utah Criminal Defense Assoc., St. George, Utah

“New Directions In Forensic Psychology Interviewing & Child Abuse Sex Allegations: Educating Triers of Fact In Jury Trials”

Dr. Gary Thompson-Director of Forensic Psychology Consulting-Early Life Psych.

Dr. Gary Thompson exhibits a scientific, and humanistic understanding of the devastation that child abuse has on the immediate family system, the child, and the community at large. Dr. Thompson himself has provided hundreds of hours of Residency clinical care to victims of child abuse. Utilizing actual cases, video clips, and forensic psychology journal articles obtained over the past five years, Dr. Thompson explores the relevant research data, and how it is applied to the benefit of the defense, prosecution, as well as triers of facts in child abuse forensic sex abuse cases.

Oct. 2018 Conference Speaker Utah Criminal Defense Assoc. SLC, Utah

“Integrating Forensic Psychology Into The Courtroom: Current Issues InAdult/Child Sex Abuse Allegations.”

Dr. Gary Thompson-Director of Forensic Psychology Consulting-Early Life Psych.

Two-hour seminar reviewing current issues of interest to civil and criminal defense trial attorneys who desire to ethically integrate best practices in forensic psychology with their trial caseload. Dr. Thompson presents the latest forensic psychology peer-reviewed research in child abuse sex allegations, as well as adult sexual assault issues. Emphasis will be placed on the police, CJC and therapist practices that may skew evidence presented to triers of fact. Special topics will include "recovered memory therapy" practices, separating peer-reviewed science facts and common myths associated with trauma and memory, and suggestive practices of police and CJC interviewers, which decrease the reliability of witness/accuser testimony. Case examples and audio/visual clips highlight and support forensic psychology journal research in these areas.