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EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Counseling, February 2003
Amberton University

Bachelor of Arts, August 1998
Major: Psychology
University of Texas at Dallas

Professional Affiliations

International Academy of Collaborative Professionals
Collaborative Divorce Texas
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

Credentialed Collaborative Professional, Collaborative Divorce Texas, 2017.

Publications

Leister, J. (2014). Meet Max: Learning about Divorce from a Basset Hound's Perspective. Allen, TX: Createspace Publications

Leister, J. (2014) Max Meets Emma: Learning about Blended Families from a Basset Hound's Perspective. Allen, TX: Createspace Publication

Work Experience

Private Practice

January 2005-Present

Provide counseling to children, adolescents, and adults struggling with a variety of issues including, but not limited to: Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Oppositional Defiance Disorder, Mood Disorders, Substance Abuse, Adjustment Disorder, and various anxiety issues. Other areas of expertise include Forensics, divorce related issues, dealing with high conflict families, co-parenting, parent coordination, parent facilitation, reunification and collaborative divorce.

Dr. Ray Levy

Associate to Dr. Levy within his private practice.

June 2005-January 2017.

Provide counseling to children, adolescents and adults with a focus on ADHD and the strong-willed child. Dr. Levy is the author of *Try and Make Me*, which focuses on behavioral and parenting techniques for this population.

Avenues Counseling Center-Counselor

June 2003-June 2005

Conducted assessments and clinical treatment plans for clients in Collin County. Counseling duties included facilitating adult chemical dependency group, adolescent chemical dependency group, adult and adolescent anger management class. Other duties included individual counseling, family counseling, crisis intervention and play therapy.

Collin County Children's Advocacy Center-Counselor Intern

August 2002-April 2003

Conducted assessments and clinical treatments plans for clients in Collin County. Facilitated play therapy and group counseling for clients suffering from abuse and neglect issues.

Therapeutic Family Life-Intake Counselor

April 2000-July 2002

Assessed children's needs, including emotional abilities, level of functioning and educational status. Placed children in their appropriate foster home.

Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services-Child Protective Services

December 1998-April 2000

Investigated allegations of abuse, neglect and family violence. Removed children from their families when necessary. Managed cases through the first court hearing and testified in criminal trial and family court when needed.

Healing Heart of Dallas-Volunteer

2000-2001

Facilitated grief therapy for children.

Forensic Training Experience

2005 Basic Collaborative Law with Chip Rose

2005 Interdisciplinary Team Training by Collaborative Law Texas

2005 Basic Collaborative Interdisciplinary Training by Collaborative Training Team LLC

2005 IACP Core Skills Institute

2006 DMS Basic Mediation Training
2006 Parenting Coordination Training by Gay Cox and Lynelle Yingling
2006 Spring Retreat by Collaborative Divorce Texas
2006 Dealing with Challenging Clients by Cox, Johnson, Matlock and Savage
2008 LPC Supervisory Training Course for Licensure
2009 Spring Retreat by Collaborative Divorce Texas
2010 Spring Retreat by Collaborative Divorce Texas
2010 New Legal and Ethical Requirements for Parenting Coordination
2011 Spring Retreat by Collaborative Divorce Texas
2011 Advanced Interdisciplinary Collaborative Law
2011 Parenting Coordination/Facilitation Interventions for High Conflict Families
2013 Spring Retreat by Collaborative Divorce Texas
2014 Spring Retreat by Collaborative Divorce Texas
2014 Nina Meierding Negotiation and Mediation Training
2015 Spring Retreat by Collaborative Divorce Texas
2015 Advanced Interdisciplinary Collaborative Law
2016 Spring Retreat by Collaborative Divorce Texas
2016 IACP Annual Networking and Educational Forum
2017 Spring Retreat by Collaborative Divorce Texas

Presentations in Forensics

2018 Author and Speaker, “#Truth; Children Speak the Truth About Divorce,” State Bar of Texas Collaborative Law Course (Austin, Texas).

2016 Author and Speaker, “Thriving or Surviving: How Failing to Manage Client Expectations Can Derail the Collaborative Process,” International Academy of Collaborative Professionals 17th Annual Networking and Educational Forum (Las Vegas, Nevada).

2016 Author and Speaker, “Child Development and Interview Techniques,” Dallas Bar (Dallas, Texas)

2016 Author and Speaker, “Advocating for Children in the Collaborative Process,” State Bar of Texas Collaborative Law Course (Dallas, Texas)

2015 Author and Speaker, “Thriving or Surviving: How Failing to Manage Client Expectations Can Derail the Collaborative Process,” State Bar of Texas Collaborative Law Course (Austin, Texas)

2013 Author and Speaker, “Screening for Domestic Violence in Collaborative Family Law Cases,” State Bar of Texas Collaborative Law Course (Dallas, Texas)

2012 Author and Speaker, “Screening for Domestic Violence in Collaborative Family Law Cases,” International Academy of Collaborative Professionals 13th Annual Networking and Educational Forum (Chicago, Illinois)

2010 Author and Speaker, “Working with Substance Abusers and Families in the Collaborative Process,” State Bar of Texas Collaborative Law Course (Austin, Texas)