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CURRICULUM VITAE

PRESENT POSITIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Private practice of psychiatry (40 years)

Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, University of California Medical
Center and Langley Porter Institute

Editor-in-Chief, *Family Therapy* (since 1972)

Psychiatric Consultant to:

California Superior Courts

Federal Courts, 9th District

United States Department of Justice, Torts Branch

Various States Attorneys General

MEMBERSHIPS

American Psychiatric Association (Distinguished Fellow)

American Medical Association

San Francisco Medical Society

American Academy of Psychiatry and Law

Association of Family Therapists

California Medical Association

Northern California Psychiatric Society

American Cancer Society

EDUCATION

High School of Music and Art, 1954

B.A., Cornell University, 1958

M.D., Chicago Medical School, 1962

Rotating Internship, San Francisco General Hospital, 1962-63

Psychiatric Residency, Langley Porter Neuropsychiatric Institute, University
of California Medical Center, San Francisco, 1963-66

Visiting Fellow in Psychological Medicine, St. Thomas' Hospital, London,
1965

Visiting Fellow in Community Psychiatry, University of Copenhagen, 1965

Fellow in Community Psychiatry, Langley Porter Neuropsychiatric Institute,
1967

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LICENSURE

State of California, 1962 State of Georgia, 1995
State of Hawaii, 1978 State of Kentucky, 1995

PAST EXPERIENCE AND APPOINTMENTS

Mayor, Town of San Anselmo, 1975-76
Town Councilman, San Anselmo Town Council (elected April 1972)
Assistant Professor of Law (Adjunct), University of California,
Hastings College of the Law, 1970-88
Medical Director, Partial Psychiatric Hospitalization Program, St. Luke's
Hospital, Daly City, CA. 1995
Faculty, California Graduate School of Marital and Family Therapy,
San Rafael, CA, 1980-85
Supervising Psychiatrist, Inpatient Psychiatric Service, University of California
Hospital, San Francisco, 1967-68
Staff Psychiatrist, Center for Substance Abuse and Sexual Deviation,
San Francisco, 1966-68
Treatment Director, Family Therapy Institute of Marin, San Rafael, CA
1967-79
Chief of Psychiatry, Laguna Honda Hospital, San Francisco, 1968-80
Faculty, Medilegal Institute, 1980-1994
Faculty, Hastings Center for Trial & Appellate Advocacy, Litigation Advocacy
Programs, San Francisco, 1971-74, 1986-88

Research:

Development of lithium carbonate (auspices of FDA) 1966-69
The hysterical personality, 1965-66
Detoxification of alcoholics, 1964

Hospital Staff: University of California Hospital, San Francisco

Childrens Hospital, San Francisco
Pacific Medical Center, San Francisco
French Hospital, San Francisco
Marin General Hospital, Greenbrae, CA
Ross General Hospital, Ross, CA
Mendocino State Hospital, Ukiah, CA

Associate Editor, *American Journal of Forensic Psychiatry*, 1982-85
Columnist, "Family Crisis," *First Magazine*, 1990\91

Lecturer: CEB--Child Custody, 1986, 1984; Mental & Emotional

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Damages, 1982
California Graduate School of Marital and Family Therapy,
San Rafael, CA, 1977-78
Napa State Hospital, Imola, CA, 1967-72
Mendocino State Hospital, Ukiah, CA 1967-72
San Francisco Police Academy, 1967-71
Pacific Medical Center, San Francisco, 1967-70
Ukiah Police Department, Ukiah, CA 1966-67

Psychiatric Consultant to:

Laguna Honda Hospital, San Francisco, 1965-80
Juvenile Court, Mendocino County, 1966-67
Public Defender, Mendocino County, 1966-67
District Attorney's Office, Mendocino County, 1966-67
Ukiah Probation Department, 1966-67
San Francisco Public Schools Unwed Mothers' Program, 1966-67
San Francisco Public Schools, 1966-67
Veterans Administration Hospital, San Francisco, 1968-70
Selective Service (Medical Advisory) 1969-73
United States Public Health Service Hospital, 1966-74
Federal Aviation Administration, 1967-68
California Department of Social Services, Disability Evaluations
Division, 1987-88
US Postal Service, 1988-90
Forensic Services, Waikato, Government of New Zealand, 1995; 1996

PAST MEMBERSHIPS:

Board of Directors, Travelers' Aid Society, San Francisco
International Society for Comprehensive Medicine
San Francisco Mental Health Association Board of Directors
Society for the Advancement of Psychiatry
Advisory Board, American College of Forensic Psychiatry
San Francisco Academy of Hypnosis
Board of Directors, Bay Area Air Pollution Control District,
San Francisco (elected July 1974)
American College of Legal Medicine
American Academy of Forensic Sciences

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"Psychiatry in the Everyday Practice of Law, 2d, Lawyers Cooperative Publishing Co., Rochester, NY & Bancroft Whitney Corp., San Francisco, 1982

"Lovers, Killers, Husbands and Wives," St. Martin's Press, 1985, New York,

"Children of the Holocaust," (monograph), Editor-in-Chief, *Family Therapy*, Libra Publications, San Diego, CA, 1988

"Choosing Lovers," Glenbridge Publishing, Ltd., Macomb, IL, 1989;
Avon Books, New York, NY, 1991

"Psychiatry in the Everyday Practice of Law," 3d, Clark Boardman Callaghan, Rochester, NY 1992

"Psychiatry in the Everyday Practice of Law," 4d, West Publications, Rochester, NY 2003

Tape Recorded

"Married Couple Therapy." Sound Seminar Series, No. 75507, New York: McGraw-Hill, 1969 (audio)

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"Picking Juries." Cassette for California Institute, Division of Forensic Studies, 1981 (audio)

"Psychic Trauma." Cassette for California Institute, Division of Forensic Studies, 1981 (audio)

"Litigation of Psychological Injuries, Clinical Aspects," Medilegal Seminars, 1983

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"Winning at Law, Psychology of the Courtroom," Medilegal Seminars, 1985

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Disorders." VC-05 Medilegal Video Cassette Programs, 1985 (video)

"Profile for Murder," docudrama/teleplay, American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, Annual Meeting, October 1993 (video)

Academic Articles and Book Chapters

"MFCT": Multiple conjoint family therapy--simultaneous treatment of groups of families," *American Journal of Psychotherapy*, Oct. 1965

"MFCT": Simultaneous treatment of several families," abstract, *Digest of Neurology and Psychiatry*, Dec. 1965

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"Family therapists as expert witness: family dynamics and wrongful death
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"Lawyers and Sex: Ethical Considerations of Sexual Clients, Counsel and Court Personnel," Bar Association of San Francisco, Jan. 1994

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"Psychiatric Aspects of Traumatic Brain Injury," National College of Advocacy, Apr. 1994

1995 Supplement, "Psychiatry in the Everyday Practice of Law," Clark Boardman Callahan, Rochester, NY

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"The Workplace Avenger," *Across the Board*, Sep. 1997

"Types of Workplace Violence," *USA Today*, Jan. 7, 1998

"When Does Influence Become Undue," *California Trust and Estates Quarterly*, 4:Two, Summer 1998

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NATIONAL MEDIA APPEARANCES (partial list)

Front Line (PBS) "Little Criminals," May 13, 1997

CNN Network News

NBC Network News

CBS Network News

ABC Network News

Oprah Winfrey

Hour Magazine (Gary Collins)--Group W

Nightline (Ted Koppel)--ABC

Larry King

This Morning (Kathleen Sullivan)--CBS

Evening Magazine--Group W

Sonya Live-CNN

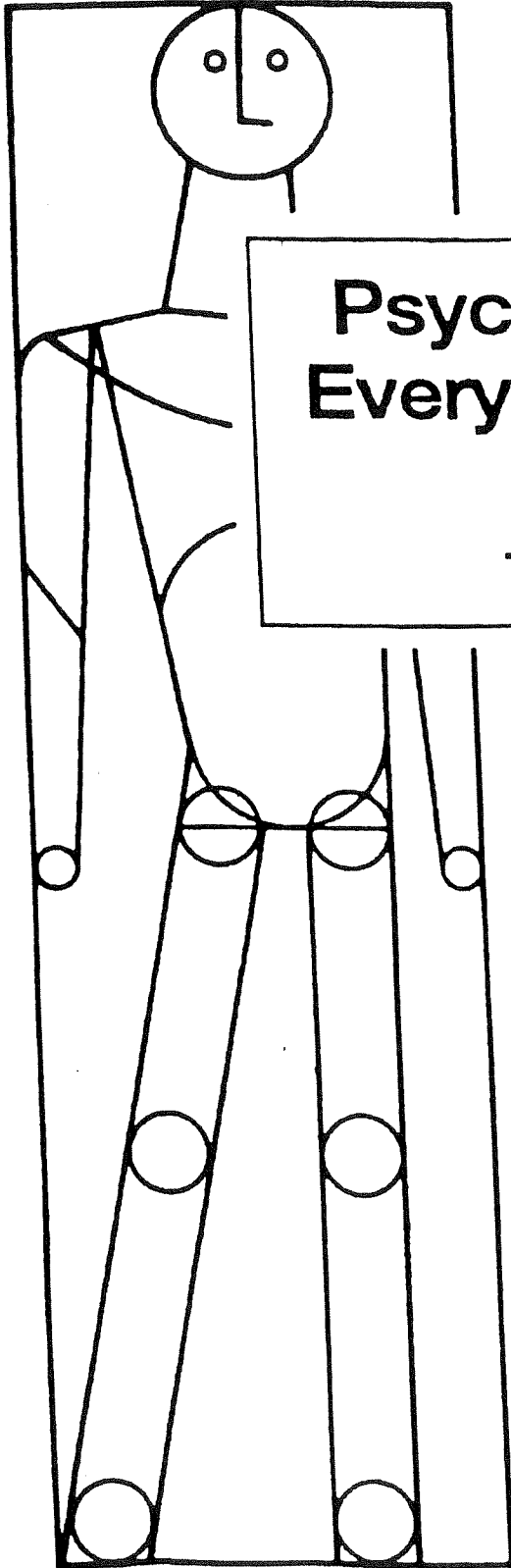
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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS/LECTURES

Now too numerous to make listing practicable, they include grand rounds at the University of California, University of Hawaii, and Pacific Medical Center; presentations to the American Psychiatric Assn., California Medical Assn., American Bar Assn., (various sections), American Trial Lawyers Assn., Continuing Education of the Bar, American College of Forensic Psychiatry, California District Attorneys Assn., California Public Defenders Assn., Commonwealth Club, to numerous hospitals and to many other state and local psychiatric and attorneys groups.

NONACADEMIC BOOKS, PUBLICATIONS AND SCRIPTS

List available upon request.



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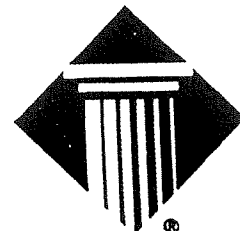
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Re: Wooten v. USA,
Case No. 8: 98-cv-955-T-17A

Dear Dr. Blinder:

I am pleased to inform you that your extraordinary individual service in the above-listed case directly contributed to a very successful outcome. The United States is most pleased with the recent settlement of this complex case. I sincerely appreciate your personal dedication and commitment to assisting with this case. It has been an honor, privilege and great pleasure for me to have worked with you. Thank you so very much for your personal contribution to this case.

Sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Blinder:

I want to compliment you. I thought your testimony in People v. Dibble on December 8 was exemplary. You stated your points clearly and simply. You did not overstate them. Your testimony was what expert testimony is supposed to be, helpful. I have been listening to expert testimony for more than thirty years. It is a subject in which I have a special interest. I teach a course on Expert and Scientific Evidence at McGeorge. I have lectured and written on the subject. (I am enclosing a copy of an article on Daubert--see especially pages 1021-1025.) I consider myself a connoisseur. Yours was by far the best expert testimony I have heard.

One quibble. You said several times that you were prohibited from giving case-specific testimony. That is not quite true. In People v. McDonald (1984) 37 Cal.3d 351, 362,

Dr. Shomer made it clear that he did not propose to offer an opinion that any particular witness ... was or was not mistaken in his or her identification of defendant. But he did intend to point out various psychological factors that could have affected the identification in the present case.

The Supreme Court held that the trial court erred in excluding Dr. Shomer's proffered testimony, including the part underlined above. See also Meuller, Modern Evidence, sec. 7.7, p. 975 (okay for syndrome experts to "draw parallels or connections with (general patterns observed in the run of cases) in the case at hand").

If you have some extra time next time you are in Sacramento, I would like to get together with you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald W. Tochterman". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Ronald W. Tochterman
Judge of the Superior Court

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Re: Recommendation as Forensic Psychiatrist

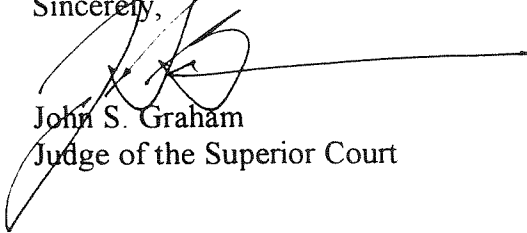
Dear Dr. Blinder:

I am glad for the chance to recommend you as a psychiatric expert witness. I have always valued your opinions and assistance. Your unwavering candor and perspicacity make it a pleasure to work with you. I have no way of counting the number of occasions you have appeared in my department in the past eleven years on court appointment and private retainer. Suffice it to say they have been numerous.

For good reason, both prosecution and defense counsel are invariably happy to accept or recommend your appointment. I have never seen you allow partisanship of any kind to interfere with your careful, well-reasoned analysis. We all have opinions and biases but it is most disappointing to see the testimony of a professional colored by commitment to a side in litigation or personal antipathy for some statutory scheme. Unfortunately, this does happen although I have never seen it happen with you.

Your objectivity, insightfulness, common sense, clarity of expression, and good humor are a continuing pleasure to see. Please do not hesitate to give my name and telephone number to anyone who wishes to discuss this with me. The office telephone number is (415) 499 6264.

Sincerely,


John S. Graham
Judge of the Superior Court