

CURRICULUM VITA

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Clinical and Forensic Psychology

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Current Work:

Independent practice in clinical and forensic psychology since 1978. Therapy and evaluation services with children, adolescents, and adults. Evaluation services emphasize parental responsibilities evaluations and dependency and neglect cases, criminal case matters (criminal responsibility, competency, sentencing and parole) civil matters (civil competency, disability, worker's compensation, personal injury, fitness for duty). Forensic and clinical consultations on professional standards of care. Case consultation provided to other professionals. Business consultations on stress management and executive selection.

Education:

B.S. Central Michigan University, 1968
Major – Psychology, Minor – Mathematics

M.A. University of Denver, 1973
Clinical Psychology
Thesis: Effects of evaluative feedback on the subjective probability of success and performance.

Ph.D. University of Denver, 1975
Clinical Psychology
Minors: Child Development, Computer Science
Dissertation: Evoking feelings of competence.

M.B.A. University of Colorado, Denver, 1984
Management and Organizational Behavior

Professional Affiliations:

Licensed Psychologist, State of Colorado, License #531
Certificate of Professional Qualification in Psychology, #308
Past President, Colorado Psychological Association
Member, American Board of Professional Psychology
Lifetime Member, American Psychological Association
Member, American Psychology – Law Society, Division 41, American Psychological Association
Member, Division 42, Independent Practice, American Psychological Association
Lifetime Member, Colorado Psychological Association
Member, National Register of Health Care Providers in Psychology
Past Member, Colorado State Board of Psychologist Examiners
Fellow, American Academy of Forensic Psychologists
Member, Metropolitan Denver Interdisciplinary Committee
Licensed Psychologist, State of Wyoming, License #606

Special Professional Activities:

Disability Expert, Social Security Administration
By Court Appointment, Parental Responsibilities Evaluations
Consultant, Military Entrance Processing Station, Department of Defense
Consultant, R3 Continuum
Consultant, Federal Aviation Administration
Service Provider, VA Community Care
Consultant, PsyBar

Consultant, Ascellus
Consultant, Logistics Health Incorporated

Experience:

Forensic Psychology – Provided over 4600 consultations and evaluations since 1978 on criminal and civil case matters. Testified as expert witness over 5200 times in 14 Judicial Districts in Colorado, Federal District Courts, and Federal Administrative Law Courts.

Psychotherapy Services – Provided individual therapy services to over 3500 clients since 1978. Client issues have included abuse related trauma, depression, anxiety, employment problems, relationship difficulties, anger management, and post-traumatic stress.

Other Services – Provided other evaluations to over 4200 clients since 1978. Provided over 4500 file reviews on mental disability claims.

Past Work Experience:

1979-1981: Staff Psychologist, Professional Drug Treatment Program, Bethesda Mental Health Center, Denver, Colorado. Provided outpatient psychotherapy services and coordinated drug screening for professional persons. (Doctors, Nurses, Pharmacists) with substance use and drug dependence problems.

1977-1979: Director, Drug Abuse Treatment Program, Department of Health and Hospitals, Denver, Colorado. Directed program for drug abuse with staff of 30 professionals and annual budget of approximately one million dollars. Responsible for clinical and administrative aspects of program including Methadone services, drug screening, counseling, report preparation, staff development, and budgeting.

1975-1977: Director, Forensic Services Center (Central Intake Unit), Department of Health and Hospitals, Denver, Colorado. Directed program of evaluation and consultation services to the criminal justice system in Colorado. Professional staff of ten with annual budget of approximately \$250,000. Responsible for grant preparation, reporting requirements to funding agencies (Federal, State, and Local), research program, staff development, program development, budgeting. Also functioned as staff psychologist providing evaluation and consultation services.

Teaching Experience:

2000- 2011: Adjunct Faculty, University of Denver, Graduate School of Professional Psychology, Denver, Colorado. Courses in forensic studies program. (Forensic Ethics and Criminal Evaluations.)

1987-1991: Lecturer In Law, University of Denver, College of Law, Denver, Colorado. (Law and Mental Health courses.)

1979-1983: Adjunct Faculty, Antioch University, Graduate Program in Psychology, Denver, Colorado. Courses in psychological assessment and psychopathology. Seminars in child development and professional ethics.

Predoctoral Affiliations:

1974-1975: Psychology Intern, Denver General Hospital, Denver, Colorado.
Rotations on outpatient, inpatient, and transitional psychiatric teams. Professional development included supervision from three professionals, attendance at learning conferences, and presentation of staff seminars. Additional assignments – Head Start consultant, Crises Staff Member

1973-1974: Psychology Staff, Arapahoe Mental Health Center, Englewood, Colorado.
Assigned as consulting school psychologist to elementary schools in Sheridan School District. Work included student evaluations, parent and teacher consultations, and program consultations with central office staff, seminar presentations, and group therapy for students.

1972-1973: Research Assistant, University of Denver, Psychology Dept., Denver, Colorado.
Assigned to Family Intervention Project. Responsible for data analysis and preliminary report

preparation.

- 1971-1972: Psychology Staff, National Jewish Hospital, Denver, Colorado.
Assigned to respiratory disease team primarily dealing with chronic tuberculosis patients. Duties included psychological evaluations, staff consultations, and milieu therapy participation.
- 1970-1974: Psychology Student Affiliate, Child Study Center, Univ. of Denver, Psychology Dept.
Supervised experiences in evaluation, treatment, and consultation with children and families. Participated in organizational assessment and consultation to the clinical division of the department.
- 1968-1970: Psychology Specialist, U.S. Army, Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado.
Provided psychological testing, consultation and group therapy services to returning Vietnam military personnel. Honorable Discharge (E-5).

Selected Publications:

- Pelc, R.E. (2012), Ethical Considerations in Family Law Matters. The Role of the CFI and CLR in Colorado, 2nd Edition. Colorado Bar Continuing Legal Education.
- Pelc, R.E. (1986), Initiating a referral for expert psychological assistance. The Colorado Lawyer, 15, 2217-2218.
- Pelc, R.E. (1983), Selecting an expert witness. The Colorado Lawyer, 12, 1464-1469.
- Cowan, R.B., Pelc, R.E. and Grant, R. (1978), Use of the problem-oriented system in the criminal justice process. Offender Rehabilitation, 2, 222-235.
- Pelc, R.E. (1977), A primer to psychological evaluation in the criminal justice process. Offender Rehabilitation, 1, 275-282.
- Pelc, R.E. and Midlarsky, E.L. (1977), The effects of evaluative feedback on the subjective probability of success. Journal of Psychology, 96, 191-196.
- Pelc, R.E. (1971), Advancement along a complexity gradient in perceptual level and brain damage. Perceptual and Motor Skills, 32, 251-254.

Selected Presentations:

- A Preliminary Report of Findings of Survey: Assessing Allegations of Child Sexual Assault in the Context of Parental Responsibility Evaluations. Colorado Bench and Bar Family Institute, Steamboat, CO 2004.
- Myths and Realities of Psychological Testing in Parental Responsibility Cases. Colorado Interdisciplinary Committee State Meeting, Vail, CO 2004.
- Ethical Considerations in Child Custody Evaluations. Colorado Interdisciplinary Committee State Meeting, Vail, CO 2002.
- Dealing with the Special Needs of the Disruptive, Adopted Child. Program for Adoption Alliance, Inc., 2002.
- Identifying and Supporting Functional Limitations in Mental Disability Claims. Colorado Bar Association CLE, 9/10/10
- Change from DSM-IV to DSM-5: Ramifications for Social Security Mental Disability Claims. Colorado Bar Association CLE, 11/20/14
- Validating Mental Disability Claims Under DSM-5. NOSSCR Biannual Social Security Conference, Denver, CO 2015.

Validating Sexual Abuse Allegations, Public Defender's Office, Golden, Colorado, 2016.

Dealing with New SSA Mental Health Listings, En banc presentation to Federal ALJs, Denver, Colorado, 2017.

Impact of change in SSA Mental Listings, Colorado Bar Association CLE, 2018.

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