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Parental Alienation: The Handbook For Mental Health And Legal Professionals (Behavioral Science And Law)



Synopsis

Parental Alienation: The Handbook for Mental Health and Legal Professionals is the essential how to manual in this important and ever increasing area of behavioral science and law. Busy mental health professionals need a reference guide to aid them in developing data sources to support their positions in reports and testimony. They also need to know where to go to find the latest material on a topic. Having this material within arm s reach will avoid lengthy and time-consuming online research. For legal professionals who must ground their arguments in well thought out motions and repeated citations to case precedent, ready access to state or province specific legal citations spanning thirty-five years of parental alienation cases is provided here for the first time in one place.

Includes: Supplemental Reference Guide on CD-ROMCarefully vetted reference material in the behavioral sciences and in law has been included on a separate CD-ROM found at the back of the book. This is very important material, and the authors have spent over two years gathering these sources, researching over two thousand U.S. and Canadian cases citing to parental alienation and have chosen more than five hundred cases in which an expert testified about parental alienation, the judge found parental alienation or both. Each of these cases has been described in a very brief memo drawn directly from the case and in a carefully checked exact legal citation. The book is also interspersed with vignettes of actual cases to offer practical significance through-out many chapters and to complement the presentation. It is the basic text for mental health and legal professionals, and the how to aspect of the Handbook will be invaluable to the lay reader as well.

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The reactions to Parental Alienation has been highly divided, but the scientific data is now abundant. When I first wrote about Parental Alienation (syndrome) in 1998, there was very little empirical research. People often weighted in based on their subjective issues. The nay-sayers' basic argument was that they simply did not believe it no matter how much data. Such people will always be around, but for the objective minds, we now have the definitive scholarly text with over 1000 references. I heard from mothers and fathers and grandparents world-wide about the psychological child abuse caused by Parental Alienation, but they often did not have psychologists or attorneys who knew enough about it to help them. Now they have this book which is an excellent source for anyone involved in child custody issues and Parental Alienation. I highly recommend it.

More therapists/attorneys/judges need to read this book to understand what really happens during divorce. You can not be so naive as to expect that both sides will take the high road and keep the kids out of it. There is a lot of money to lose when a separation occurs and some want a windfall and will do anything including damaging the relationship with the other parent. Parental Alienation is serious and is typical of what a narcissistic parent would do to get as much control and child support as possible.

This book is referenced from Wikipedia.com in the article on parental alienation, and the following survey is referenced In a survey at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts in 2010, 98 % of the 300 respondents agreed with the question, "Do you think that some children are manipulated by one parent to irrationally and unjustifiably reject the other parent?"

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