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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mayer Consulting Solutions, LLC.

*Death Penalty Mitigation Specialist &
Board Certified Criminal Defense Investigator*

Austin, TX

January 2012 – present

- Consult with attorneys defending clients facing the death penalty.
- Create comprehensive biological, psychological and social history report of client.
- Collect all client and family records for analysis.
- Identify mitigation themes relevant to second phase of criminal trial.
- Conduct extensive research in order to create biological, psychological and social history of client in hopes of receiving a death penalty waiver from prosecution.
- Criminal defense private investigation services include but are not limited to: witness locates and interviews, witness statements, serving subpoenas, process serving, research

Law Offices of Public Defender Carlos J. Martinez

Death Penalty Mitigation Specialist

Miami, FL

June 2010 – November 2011

- Conduct and organize comprehensive background investigations of indigent clients charged with capital murder.
- Research relevant information regarding circumstantial and mitigating evidence pertinent to active cases and make recommendations to legal team regarding the direction of the case.
- Identify potential mitigation witnesses including mental health experts, to develop a complete social history and mitigation themes in support of a life sentence.
- Collect client records, prepare mitigation witnesses and develop exhibits in preparation for the penalty phase.

Community Connections

Forensic Case Manager

Washington, DC

April 2009 - June 2010

- Provided intensive case management and psychotherapy to consumers in a clinical and forensic setting to achieve personal goals of recovery.
- Transcribed clinical notes that included mental health status and outlined progress and future goals.
- Advocated for consumers in court and assisted them in navigating through the legal system.
- Within three months of employment promoted to research analyst on a Federal grant that provides comprehensive mental health services for homeless consumers who are in pretrial status with the criminal justice system.
- Within seven months of employment nominated to represent forensic team on the Case Manager Advisory Board where issues and concerns pertaining to case management are addressed and resolved.
- Conducted Crisis Intervention Training to Metropolitan Police Department on how to approach mental health consumers in the community.

Office of the Capital Defender

Mitigation Specialist Graduate Intern

Manassas, VA

August 2008 - December 2008

- Assisted legal team in defense of indigent clients facing the death penalty.
- Conducted research and investigated potential witnesses.
- Collected and digested client records and assisted with the mitigation packages of current cases.

Seminole Community Mental Health Center

Forensic Care Manager/State Hospital Liaison

Sanford, FL

September 2006 - June 2007

- Provided behavioral healthcare and forensic crisis intervention to individuals at risk of decompensation or

incarceration.

- Trained and became certified to respond to crisis calls from law enforcement involving mentally ill consumers in the community.
- Advocated for inmates who had been remanded to State Hospitals and worked with treatment team to divert appropriate inmates from the criminal justice system for rehabilitation and reduction of recidivism.

State Attorney – Lawson Lamar

Victim Advocate Intern

Orlando, FL

January 2006 - May 2006

- Advocated for victims of domestic violence, and provided legal information and services.
- Shadowed other advocates to court hearings and trials.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Senator Charles S. Robb (Retired Governor of VA)

Administrative Assistant

McLean, VA

August 2008 - April 2009

- Assisted in organization, filing and scheduling duties.
- Responsible for tracking confidential and sensitive information, prepared talking points and managed correspondence.
- Troubleshoot computer connectivity issues such as database updates, calendaring and document managing.

PUBLICATIONS

Burke, C.S., Priest, H., Salas, E., Sims, D., Mayer, K. (2008). Stress and teams: How Stress Affects Decision making at the Team Level. In P.A. Hancock, & J. Szalma (Eds.) *Performance under Stress* (pp. 181-208). Burlington, VT: Ashgate.

Metropolitan Police Department: 2008 Violent Crime Case Review Project.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Metropolitan Police Department, Violent Crimes Branch

Graduate Researcher

Washington, DC

October 2007 – February 2008

- Participated in the Violent Crime Case Review Project, which will result in a published report comparing 2005 through 2007 homicides to the homicide case information gathered 20 years ago.
- Reviewed cases involving history, extensive forensic evidence, toxicology reports, depositions and investigative process.

Institute for Simulation and Training

Research Assistant

Orlando, FL

August 2002 – April 2003

- Assisted graduate students in conducting studies regarding stress in military combat teams.
- Created detailed training presentations to guide research subjects in their study participation.
- Input data and analyzed research statistics.

MURI – OPUS Research Initiative

Research Assistant

Orlando, FL

August 2002 – April 2003

- Assisted graduate staff in performing research studies, input data in SPSS for further analysis and recruited students for participation.

AFFILIATIONS/HONORS

American Psychological Association
The American Psychology & Law Association

TCDLA member
NLADA/NASAMS member
TALI member
NALI member
NCISS member
NACDL member
CDITC member
ACLU, 2011 C. Clyde Atkins Civil Liberties Award
Psi Chi, *the National Honor Society in Psychology*
Florida Bright Future Scholarship
Dean's List, *University of Central Florida*

EDUCATION

Marymount University

Master of Forensic Psychology

Arlington, VA

July 2007 – December 2008

Coursework included: Psychology and the Law, Psychopathology, Criminal Behaviors, and Forensic Assessment.

Research topics included: Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System.

University of Central Florida

Bachelor of Arts: Psychology, Certificate of Behavioral Forensics

Orlando, FL

June 2001 – April 2005

CERTIFICATIONS

Board Certification in Criminal Defense Investigation (CCDI)

Certificate in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST)

Certificate in Process Serving, *Texas*

Certificate in Behavioral Forensics, *University of Central Florida*

Certificate in Crisis Intervention Training, *Seminole County Sheriff's Office*

CONTINUED EDUCATION

TALI Midwinter Conference, 2019, *Chandler, AZ*

Federal Death Penalty Strategy Session, 2018, *Tampa, FL*

CAPDS Capital Defense Symposium, 2018, *Austin, TX*

TALI Spring Seminar, 2018, *San Antonio, TX*

Making the Case for Life, 2017, *Las Vegas, NV*

Capital Murder Symposium, 2017, *Austin, TX*

Board Certified Criminal Defense Investigator Program, 2017, *South Bend, IN*

CAPDS Investigators Training, 2017, *Austin, TX*

Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Practitioner's Course, 2016, *Austin, TX*

CAPDS Forensics Training, 2016, *Austin, TX*

Federal Death Penalty Strategy Session, 2016, *Denver, CO*

World Investigators Conference, 2016, *Lake Conroe, TX*

TCDLA Capital & Mental Health Training, 2016, *Houston, TX*

Wisconsin Public Defender "Working as a Team to Investigate Cases", 2016, *Fontana, WI*

NLADA Life over Death, 2015, *Houston, TX*

TALI Conference, 2015, *San Antonio, TX*

Program on Mitigation, 2015, *Plano, TX*

Capital Litigation: Bring your own Case, 2015, *San Antonio, TX*

Life Over Death, 2013, *Bonita Springs, FL*

Development and Integration of Mitigation Evidence, 2012, *Atlanta, FL*

Death Is Different XVIII, 2012, *Orlando, FL*

Life Over Death, 2011, *Orlando, FL*

