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### **PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

I have been a practicing psychiatrist for over 15 years and a Board-Certified Forensic Psychiatrist since 2011. I routinely conduct forensic expert witness assessments and provide my opinions by written report and testimony, including over 40 times in which I've testified as a qualified Disclosed Expert Witness. I've otherwise offered forensic assessments in hundreds of cases that settled without proceeding to trial.

As both a practitioner and an expert witness, I understand the importance of maintaining my expertise by staying clinically active in psychiatry. I maintain my clinical skills and experience through my work with Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. My main role at Rush is leading their psychiatric consultation services at their community based medical center, Rush Oak Park Hospital.

I believe that an effective expert witness must possess the ability to educate and inform and do so in a clear manner. Not only do I routinely educate and guide family members, other physicians, and allied health staff regarding the assessment and treatment of mental disorders, I also serve as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Rush Medical College, one of the largest medical schools in Chicago. I teach psychiatry residents in topics related to psychiatry and the law and also psychiatry in medicine. In addition, I interview prospective medical students in my role on the Medical Admissions Committee. These positions and experiences have enabled me to hone my ability to teach, advise, and communicate to diverse audiences.

### **BOARD CERTIFICATION & LICENSURE**

Board Certified in General Adult Psychiatry

American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, June 2010. Certificate 61111

Board Certified in Forensic Psychiatry

American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, June 2011. Certificate 1817

Illinois Medical License: 036.123835

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2018-present      **Rush University Medical Center/Rush Oak Park Hospital,**  
Chicago, IL/Oak Park, IL

Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry

Consult-Liaison Psychiatrist for Rush Oak Park Hospital  
Member, Medical Admissions Committee, Rush Medical College

**Patient care**, hospitalized patients with behavioral health disorders at Rush Oak Park Hospital. Also, a weekly outpatient clinic where I treat patients who suffer from behavioral health conditions

**Educator** to patients, family members, physician colleagues, and hospital staff, medical students, and residents regarding behavioral health conditions in a medical setting, and psychiatry and the law

**Medical and psychiatric oversight**; consulting doctor to colleague physicians at Rush Oak Park Hospital

2018-2019 **Thrive Counseling Center**,  
Oak Park, IL

Psychiatrist

2011-2018 **AMITA Health/ Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital and St. Alexius Medical Center, Acute Care Hospitals**,  
Hoffman Estates, IL

Psychiatrist

**Director**, *Consultation/Liaison Psychiatry Service, 2012-2016*

**Director**, *Access Department, Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital, Patient entry point psychiatric assessment, 2012-2016*

**Patient care**, hospitalized patients with behavioral health disorders at Alexian Brothers Medical Center and St. Alexius Medical Center

**Educator** to patients, family members, physician colleagues, and hospital staff regarding behavioral health conditions in a medical setting

**Supervise** and collaborate with Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners

**Medical and psychiatric oversight**; consulting doctor to colleague physicians at Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital.

**Forensic assessments and reports regarding civil legal matters**, testamentary capacity, fitness for duty, return to work and Firearm Owner Identification reinstatement.

2016-present **eQHealth Solutions. Inc.**, Lombard, IL  
Physician peer-to-peer reviews of psychiatric services provided throughout Illinois.

2009-2011 **Forensic Clinical Services**  
Cook County Criminal Courts/Office of the Chief Judge, Chicago, IL  
Forensic Psychiatrist

**Forensic evaluation and reports of findings**, rendered professional opinions in the areas of competency to stand trial, criminal responsibility, conditional release, and understanding of Miranda rights for Cook County Criminal Courts.

Qualified to testify as an expert witness in over 40 cases.

## **POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION & TRAINING**

Forensic Psychiatry Fellow, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI (2008-2009)

Chief Resident, Department of Psychiatry  
Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, DC (2007-2008)

Resident in Psychiatry, Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, DC (2004-2008)

## **EDUCATION**

Doctor of Medicine  
University of Illinois College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign (2004)

Bachelor of Arts English/Pre-Medical Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1996)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND PRESENTATIONS**

2018-present      Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry  
Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL

Sept. 2018      *"Understanding Seasonal Affective Disorder and Treatment"*  
Invited Speaker  
Rush Oak Park Hospital Classes and Events

Sept. 2017      *"Posttraumatic Stress Disorder"*  
Invited Speaker  
Power & Cronin, LTD, 2017 Annual Medical-Legal Seminar

2013-2015      Member, Graduate Medical Education Committee  
Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital

Sept. 2015      *"Update in the Management of Alcohol Withdrawal"*  
Continuing Medical Education Presentation  
Internal Medicine Department, Alexian Brothers Medical Center

May 2012      *"Decision-Making Capacity"*  
Continuing Medical Education Presentation  
Internal Medicine Department, Alexian Brothers Medical Center

2007-2008 Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, DC  
Psychiatric Inpatient Service

“Introduction to DSM-IV Diagnosis”  
Course for First Year Psychiatry Residents  
Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, DC

Clinical Supervision of:  
First and Second Year Psychiatry Residents  
Acting Interns in Psychiatry Clerkships and Junior Medical Students  
Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, DC

## **PUBLICATIONS, AND AWARDS**

Mack AH, Barros M. Forensic Psychiatry. In: Galanter M and Kleber H, eds: American Psychiatric Press Textbook of Substance Abuse Treatment, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. American Psychiatric Press, Inc: Washington, DC, 2008.

String of Pearls Award, for excellence in teaching medical students in Psychiatry, Georgetown University School of Medicine Class of 2009, Washington, DC

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Psychiatric Association  
American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law

*\*Fluent in Spanish*