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I am registered to practice as a psychologist in Australia. I hold the endorsement of Clinical Psychology with the National Registration Board (an endorsement on registration indicates that a psychologist has additional qualifications and supervised experience in an area of practice).

My tertiary education includes a Bachelor of Arts - Psychology (Murdoch, 1998) and Bachelor of Psychology (1999); and a Doctor of Psychology - Clinical (Murdoch, 2006). My Masters thesis topic was on assessing Eating Disorders with the Stages of Change model.

I have worked full-time as a clinical psychologist within the Department of Justice, within detention and in the community, as well as with children and adults. This experience allowed for my development in the areas of child-development, drug abuse, forensic psychology, mental illness, welfare issues, sexual abuse issues and offender treatment, suicide, and other specialist areas. Following on from this I worked for the Department of Defence, where I undertook many assessments and interventions for Army, Navy, and Air Force personnel.

Fulltime private practice followed on from this, which I currently still undertake part-time. This practice includes the treatment of regular adult and child clients, as well as relationship work, assessments and report writing. Throughout the past 10 years I have worked within the PMH Child Protection Unit, Royal Perth Hospital Shenton Park, Raphael Services, and Kind Edward Memorial Hospital. Most recent, I have been the Clinical Psychology Coordinator/Head of Department for the St John of God Midland Public and Private Hospital.

Through experience and training, I have obtained specialist knowledge in the area of assessment. I have complete many assessments for the court for adult and juvenile offenders, as well as legal reports for private clients, worker's compensation reports and other reports as required.

As part of my professional development I have attended numerous training courses and seminars. Among the more significant courses were EMDR Levels 1 and 2, EMDR with Children and Adolescents, Gottman Relationship Therapy Levels 1 and 2, Gottman's working with Infidelity and Trauma, Schema Therapy training (Basic and Advanced), and Circle of Security Parenting training. I am current within the Professional Development training requirements of the APHRA, which requires that I attend training relevant to my expertise. I am currently a Board Approved Supervisor.

All of the above experience has influenced the confident development of my clinical intervention and assessment skills, and I undertake ongoing supervision and professional development to continuously improve my knowledge and skills.