

# Ashley King Ph.D.

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## **Private Practice (2001-present)**

Private practice specializing in psychological evaluations of defendants accused of violent crimes and sex offenses. I have worked with dozens of attorneys in North Carolina and California and have extensive experience in pre-trial, trial, sentencing, and post-conviction phases of cases. My expertise includes:

- **Evaluations for competency, state of mind, insanity, and diminished capacity claims;**
- **Sex offender evaluations;**
- **Diagnosis of psychotic and all other major mental health disorders including personality disorders, sexual disorders, and substance use disorders;**
- **Analysis and explanation of factors that led to the specific crime at the particular time;**
- **Assessments of intellectual (IQ) and cognitive functioning;**
- **Trauma Assessment and discussion of impacts on behavior during crime and for mitigation purposes;**
- **Risk assessments for violent behavior and sexual recidivism and dangerousness to self or others;**
- **Treatment planning and risk management;**
- **Disability Evaluations, over 5000 patients seen for diagnostic issues including autism, intellectual disability, psychotic and bipolar disorders, neurocognitive disorders, personality disorders, and others.**

I have qualified as an expert in the field of psychology in Superior Court in California and North Carolina and in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. I have testified in federal and state courts and in a Title IX sex offense hearing under the Higher Education Act. I provide written reports, background briefings, and expert testimony.

## ***Other Experience***

### **California Forensic Assessment Project, Panelist (2001-2005)**

Conducted psychological evaluations, risk assessments and treatment planning on Conditional Release Program patients. Performed evaluations throughout the state on adult forensic

populations, including persons adjudicated Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI), Mentally Disordered Offenders (MDO), Mentally Disordered Sex Offender (MDSO) and Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST).

**Los Angeles County Conditional Release Program, Panelist (2003-2005)**

Evaluated judicially committed persons with severe mental disorders. Performed psychological evaluations at Atascadero, Patton, Metropolitan, and Napa State Hospitals for risk assessment and readiness for community outpatient treatment.

**San Francisco Juvenile Court, Alienist Panel (2001-2005)**

Psychological Evaluations for the Court on juvenile offenders. Diagnostic, treatment planning and placement evaluations.

**Janssen Pharmaceutical grant recipient and Principal Investigator (2003-2004)**

Conducted study investigating the relationship between antipsychotic and mood stabilizing medications and dangerousness in psychotic inmates of the San Francisco County Jail.

**Correctional Medical Facility, California Department of Corrections at Vacaville, Staff Psychologist (2000-2002)**

Personality, neuropsychological, and cognitive assessments. Performed assessments for developmental disorders and adaptive deficits. Mental health crisis treatment and management. Individual therapy. Member of multidisciplinary team conducting case conceptualization and treatment planning.

**Janssen Pharmaceutical grant recipient and Principal Investigator (2000-2001)**

Directed a study investigating the relationship between antipsychotic medications and outcomes for dangerous, violent, and costly behaviors in conditional release program patients.

**APA Internship at Department of Mental Health at Correctional Medical Facility, Vacaville, CA. (1999-2000)**

Personality and neuropsychological assessments. Individual therapy, group therapy, admission and discharge summaries. Participated in treatment teams to assess patient diagnosis and treatment needs.

**Practicum student (1997-1999)**

Forensic Health Care and California Forensic Assessment Project: Reviewed and performed psychological and risk assessments, group and individual therapy with judicially committed sex and violent offenders (Sexually Violent offenders, MDSO, IST, and NGRI commitments). Hospital liaison visits to assess dangerousness and readiness for community outpatient treatment. Jail visits to evaluate those found incompetent to stand trial for community outpatient treatment.

**Student Therapist at Pacific Graduate School of Psychology Clinic (1996-1997)**

Performed weekly therapy with ongoing clients. Performed intake examinations and treatment planning.

## **Education**

Ph.D. from Pacific Graduate School of Psychology (now Palo Alto University), 2000

MS from Pacific Graduate School of Psychology, 1998

The Trauma Research Foundation's Certificate in Traumatic Stress Studies – 8 month course led by Bessel Van Der Kolk, M.D.

## **Licensure**

Licensed Psychologist California #PSY17546 (2001 to 2013) no longer active

Licensed Psychologist and Health Care Provider North Carolina #3173 (2005 to present)

## **Publications**

King, A; Kovan, R; London, R; & Bongar B. (1999). Toward a standard of care for treating suicidal outpatients: A survey of social workers' beliefs about appropriate treatment behaviors. Suicide and Life Threatening Behavior, 29(4) 347-352.

Kjellander, C; Bongar, B; & King A. (1998). Suicidality in borderline personality disorder. Crisis, 19(3), 125-135.

## **Professional Presentations**

Berman, A. [now King], Sadik, K., & Grogg, A. (2002). Risperidone, Olanzapine, and conventional antipsychotics: relationship to independent living in psychotic patients in a conditional release program. Poster presentation at the annual service meeting of the American Psychiatric Association, Chicago, IL.

King, A. (1998). Risk factors for suicide in schizophrenia. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Suicidology, Washington DC.

King, A., Kovan, R., London, R., & Bongar, B. (1997). Behaviors of social workers in treating suicidal outpatients. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Suicidology, Memphis, TN.

## **Teaching Experience**

Part time Instructor at Pacific Graduate School of Psychology. Course; Forensic Psychology II. 2001-2002

## **Memberships**

Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA)

Society for Personality Assessment

North Carolina Chapter of ATSA – Board of Directors 2007-2015