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### BART FERRARO, Ph.D.

#### PERSONAL DATA

Date of Birth: November 1, 1956

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#### EDUCATION

Internship, Clinical Psychology	September, 1982- August, 1983	Indiana University School of Medicine Indianapolis, Indiana APA Approved Clinical Psychology Internship
Ph.D.	August, 1983	Bowling Green State University Bowling Green, Ohio APA Approved Clinical Psychology Program
M.A.	December, 1980	Bowling Green State University
B.A.	June, 1978	State University of New York at Buffalo Buffalo, New York Summa Cum Laude with Honors in Psychology Additional Majors in Communication Disorders and Sociology

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

##### CLINICAL

September, 1988 to Present	Clinical Psychologist - Partner Meridian Psychological Associates, P.C. Indianapolis, Indiana
January, 1997 to October, 2013	Director of Clinical Services The Julian Center Indianapolis, Indiana
November, 1984 to September, 1988	Staff Psychologist Larue D. Carter Memorial Hospital Indianapolis, Indiana

October, 1983 to  
November, 1984

Certified Psychologist  
Tri-County Mental Health Center  
Indianapolis, Indiana

September, 1982 to  
September, 1983

Psychology Intern  
Indiana University School of Medicine  
Department of Psychology  
Indianapolis, Indiana

September, 1978 to  
August, 1982

Clinical Psychologist in Training  
Psychological Services Center  
Bowling Green University  
Bowling Green, Ohio

### **CONSULTATION**

July, 1996 to  
December, 1996

Interim Clinical Director  
The Julian Center  
Indianapolis, Indiana

November, 1995 to  
Present

Certified Domestic Mediation

July, 1984 to 1992

Consultant  
Renew Chemical Dependency Unit  
Winona Memorial Hospital  
Indianapolis, Indiana

November, 1983 to 1991

Consultant - Case Centered  
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation  
Hearing Impaired Services  
Indianapolis, Indiana

September, 1979 to  
June, 1981

Consultation Training Experience includes:  
1) program evaluation,  
2) case centered - academic consultation,  
3) applicant screening for police department.  
Department of Psychology  
Bowling Green State University

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

November, 1988 to 1996

Clinical Assistant Professor  
Indiana University School of Medicine  
Department of Psychiatry  
Indianapolis, Indiana

November, 1984 to  
September 1988

Assistant Professor  
Indiana University School of Medicine

Department of Psychiatry  
Indianapolis, Indiana

September, 1982 to  
January, 1985  
(academic year)

Instructor (part-time)  
Abnormal Psychology (300 level)  
Personality Theory (400 level)  
Department of Psychology  
Indiana University-Purdue University  
Indianapolis, Indiana

December, 1979 to  
July, 1982

Instructor (part-time)  
Developmental Psychology (300 level)  
Personality and Adjustment (300 level)  
Introductory Psychology (200 level)  
Department of Psychology  
Bowling Green State University

### **PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, AND WORKSHOPS**

Utilizing Neutrals in Collaborative Divorce: The Nuts and Bolts of Engagement; Panel Presentation; Central Indiana Association of Collaborative Professionals; Indianapolis, Indiana, April 18, 2017

Invited Presentation: Personality Disorders in Family Law: Marion County Superior Court Continuing Legal Education Series, March 21, 2017; Indianapolis, Indiana

Invited Presentation: Don't Make Me Pick! Effectively Interviewing Children Involved in Domestic Relations Litigation; Indianapolis Bar Association, Indianapolis, Indiana, December 7, 2016

Plenary Session Panelist: Personality Disorders and Family Law, American Bar Association, Section of Family Law 2016 CLE Conference, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, October 21, 2016

Invited Panelist: Marriage and Family Therapist's Role in Collaborative Divorce. American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists Annual Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, September 17, 2016

Invited Presentation: Managing Difficult People in Mediation, Continuing Mediation Education; Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum (ICLEF), Indianapolis, Indiana, August 25, 2016

Invited Panel Presentation: "How Mental Health Professionals Can Help Work Through Impasse" Northside Collaborative, Indianapolis, Indiana, December 17, 2015

Invited speaker: "Collaborative Practice": Indiana Psychological Association Fall Conference & Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 6-7, 2015

Invited speaker: "Recognizing and Responding to Domestic Violence in High Conflict Families": Indiana AFCC Annual Conference, Bloomington, Indiana, September 23, 2015

Invited speaker: “Parenting Coordination: How Mental Health Professionals, Legal Professionals, and the Judiciary Can Make it Work”: Indiana AFCC Annual Conference, Bloomington, Indiana, September 23, 2015

Invited Panelist: “Clients: Can’t Live With Them; Can’t Live Without Them.” 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Law Institute: Presented by Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum (ICLEF), Indianapolis, Indiana, October 16, 2014.

Panelist: “Introduction to Interdisciplinary Collaborative Divorce.” National Association Social Work – Indiana Conference – 2014, Indianapolis, Indiana, September 30, 2014.

Invited Panelist: “Young Children and the Courts: Process, Proceedings, & Players,” Struggles of Mental Health Providers in The Legal System: Presented by Indiana Association for Infant and Toddler Mental Health, Bloomington, Indiana, January 24, 2013.

Invited Panelist: “Parenting Coordinators: Panacea or Headache?,” 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Law Institute: Presented by Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum (ICLEF), Indianapolis, Indiana, October 19 & 19, 2012.

Invited Panelist: “Children and the Courts: Process, Proceedings, & Players,” The Role of Mental Health Providers: Presented by Indiana Association for Infant and Toddler Mental Health, 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Infant Mental Health, Indianapolis, Indiana, August 24, 2012.

Invited Panelist: “Working with Parenting Coordinators, Custody Evaluators & Counselors in Custody Cases”: Presented by Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum (ICLEF), Indianapolis, Indiana, April 20, 2012.

Invited Panelist: “Mental Health Disorders & Custody Evaluations: Presented by Indianapolis Bar Association, Indianapolis, Indiana, December 6, 2011.

Invited Panelist: “Custody Evaluations”: Presented by Heartland Pro Bono Project: Advanced Family Law Seminar, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 4, 2011.

Invited Panelist: “So You Want to be a Parenting Coordinator? The Nuts and Bolts of Starting Your Practice”, Presented by Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC), Indianapolis, Indiana, October 29, 2011.

Invited Panelist: “Preparing Clients for Custody Evaluations and the Parenting Coordination Process”, Presented by Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum (ICLEF), Indianapolis, Indiana, October 13, 2011.

Invited Panelist Presents: “Issues Involving Children in Mediations”: Presented by Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum (ICLEF), Indianapolis, Indiana, August 26, 2011.

Invited Panelist: “Preparing Clients for Custody Evaluations and the Parenting Coordination Process”: Presented by Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum (ICLEF), Indianapolis, Indiana, April 20, 2011.

Invited Presentation: “Introduction to Child Custody Evaluations”. Sponsored by the University of Indianapolis Department of Psychology, Indianapolis, Indiana, March 23, 2011.

“The Child Specialist’s Value Added to Collaborative Divorce Teams”: Presented by Arizona Psychological Association, Phoenix, Arizona, October 17, 2015

“What Factors Most Influence Custody Determination”: Presented by Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum (ICLEF), Indianapolis, Indiana, October 14, 2009.

“How To Work With Personality Disordered Clients in Parenting Coordination”: Presented by Seminars for Advanced Interdisciplinary Family Professionals (SAIF), Indianapolis, Indiana, August 18, 2009.

“The Effect of Domestic Violence and Removal on Children”: Presented to the Indiana Public Defender Council in a workshop entitled “CHINS & Termination of Parental Rights”, Indianapolis, Indiana, August 13, 2009.

“How to Write Progress Reports to the Court”: Presented by Seminars for Advanced Interdisciplinary Family Professionals (SAIF), Indianapolis, Indiana, July 8, 2009.

“Psychological Testing in Family, Employment, Personal Injury, and Criminal Law”: A day long workshop sponsored by Meridian Psychological Associates, Indianapolis, Indiana, February 20, 2009.

Invited Presentation: “Employment Law and Mental Health”: Sponsored by Delaney & Delaney, LLC, Indianapolis, Indiana, December 18, 2008.

“The Effects of Battery: Criminal Defense in the Context of Domestic Violence”: A day long workshop sponsored by the Indiana Public Defender Council, Adam’s Mark Airport, Indianapolis, Indiana, December 12, 2008.

Invited Presentation: “Divorce 101; Handling Custody Disputes, Protective Orders, and Special Needs of Immigrants.” Sponsored by The Julian Center, Heartland Pro Bono Council and Baker & Daniels, Indianapolis, Indiana, December 12, 2008.

Invited Presentation: “Parenting Coordinators ~ Who Are They and What Do They Do?” Sponsored by the Indiana Judicial Conference-Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, Indianapolis, Indiana, October 17, 2008.

Invited speaker: “Direct and Cross-Examination of Child Custody Evaluator”: Sponsored by Indiana Continued Legal Education Forum (ICLEF), Indianapolis, Indiana, October 15, 2008.

“Parenting Coordination: A New Role for Mental Health Professionals—A New Tool for the Bench & Bar”: Half day workshop for attorneys and judges presented by Seminars for Advanced Interdisciplinary Family Professionals, LLC (SAIF), Franklin, Indiana , July 20, 2007.

Invited Presentation: “Introduction to Child Custody Evaluations”. Sponsored by the University of Indianapolis Department of Psychology, Indianapolis, Indiana, April 11, 2007.

Intensive Basic Training in Parenting Coordination: Two day workshop for attorneys and therapists presented by Seminars for Advanced Interdisciplinary Family Professionals, LLC (SAIF), Indianapolis, Indiana, November 16 – November 17, 2006.

“How to Help Your Client Survive a Child Custody Evaluation in Indiana”: One day workshop for attorneys sponsored by the National Business Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana, October 24, 2005.

Invited Speaker: “Testing in Child Custody Cases – How to Understand an MMPI and Other Tests – What to Look for in an Expert’s Report” and “Family Law Practice & How to Survive Your Clients”. Family Law Summer Institute sponsored by the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum, Indianapolis, Indiana, July 28 – July 29, 2005.

“Child Custody and Shared Parenting in Indiana”: One day workshop for attorneys sponsored by the National Business Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana, April 1, 2005.

“State of the Art Trends in Domestic Violence”: 1) Special Considerations in the Treatment of Adults Affected by Violence in Relationships; 2) Practice Tips: Working with Violent Partners in Child Custody Evaluations. Sponsored by The Julian Center and I.U. School of Law, Indianapolis, Indiana, June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

“From Conflict to Cooperation: Group Treatment for High Conflict Parents” presented at the AFCC Midwest Regional Conference, St. Louis, MO., November 14, 2003.

Invited Speaker: “Child Custody Evaluation from Preparation to Cross Examination.” Advanced Family Law Seminar sponsored by the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum, Rising Sun, Indianapolis, Indiana October 31 – November 2, 2003.

Psychological Assessment: Half day workshop sponsored by Meridian Psychological Associates, Indianapolis, Indiana, September 12, 2003.

“Child Custody and Shared Parenting in Indiana”: One day workshop for attorneys sponsored by the National Business Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana, July 23, 2003.

“Child Custody and Visitation in Indiana”: One day workshop for attorneys sponsored by the National Business Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana, January 21, 2003.

Intervention with High Conflict Families: Half day workshop Otis R. Bowen Center for Mental Health, Columbia City, Indiana, November 8, 2002.

Psychological Testing In Child Custody Evaluations: A day long workshop for Family Law Attorneys. Sponsored by the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum, Indianapolis, Indiana, June, 2001.

Preparation, Review, and Use of Professional Evaluations in Family Law Cases: One day workshop for Attorneys, Judges and CASA Volunteers by Johnson County Circuit, Indianapolis, Indiana, April 27, 2001.

“Child Custody in Indiana”: One day workshop for attorneys sponsored by the National Business Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana, December 18, 2000.

A Conversation Between Psychologists and Attorneys: Ways to Improve Collaboration Moderator: Panel Discussion, presented at the Fall Conference of the Indiana Psychological Association, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 10, 2000.

The Effects of Battery/Battered Women’s Syndrome: Invited presentation for the Indiana Public Defender Council, Indianapolis Indiana, December, 1999.

Child Custody Evaluation Training Seminar: An evening training seminar for CASA volunteers, Indianapolis, Indiana, December, 1999.

Child Custody Evaluation Involving Allegations of Abuse or Violence: An invited address for the Julian Center, Indianapolis, Indiana, September, 1999.

High Conflict and Alienation in Indiana Divorce Proceedings: A day long workshop for Family Law Attorneys Sponsored by the National Business Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana, August, 1999.

Preparing for a Child Custody Evaluation: A half day workshop for Family Law Attorneys. Sponsored by the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum, Indianapolis, Indiana, January, 1999.

Visitation Guidelines and Support Rules: Invited panelist on committee to advise-formulate revision of visitation guidelines for non-custodial parents in Johnson County, Indiana, May, 1998.

"Tough Topics in Child Custody Cases" Sponsored by ICLEF as part of The Masters Series in Advanced Family Law, Nashville, Indiana, July, 1997.

"The Role of Psychological Testing in Child Custody Evaluations" Certified for CLEU credit by the Indiana State Bar Association and sponsored by Meridian Psychological Associates, P.C., Indianapolis, Indiana, June, 1997.

"Psychology and Deafness": Part of seminar training series on clinical disabilities presented to post-doctoral interns, Department of Psychiatry, Indiana University School of Medicine, June 1995.

"Psychological Assessment in the treatment of Borderline Spectrum Disorders" Sponsored by Ball State University Department of Gerontology; March, 1994.

"Understanding Parent Child Stress" A presentation to "Parents as First Teachers" at Washington Township schools, Indianapolis, Indiana. March, 1991; 1994.

"The Role of Group Psychotherapy and Issues of Group Process with Borderline Spectrum Patients" Part of a one day workshop entitled "Managing the Difficult to Treat Patient: Borderline Spectrum Disorders" Sponsored by Meridian Psychological Associates, P.C., Indianapolis, Indiana, October, 1990.

"Group Psychotherapy with Severely Disturbed Patients, An Inpatient Approach." One day workshop for medical and clinical staff. Evansville State Hospital, Evansville, Indiana, June, 1989.

"Mine, Yours, and Ours" - A presentation on step-parenting and blended families offered as part of a family life series sponsored by Winona Memorial Hospital. Indianapolis, Indiana, May, 1989.

"Peer Pressure/Just Say "No" - A presentation for educators and administrators involved in developing substance abuse prevention programs in the Indianapolis Public Schools. Indianapolis, Indiana, February, 1989.

"Adolescence: Attitudes and Adjustments" 3 part workshop for St. Luke's Single Parents Program. St. Luke's Methodist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, May, 1985.

"An Exploratory Investigation of the Psychosocial Adjustment of Deaf Students in a Day versus Residential School Program," Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation, Bowling Green State University, August, 1983.

"Mental Health and Deafness: Implications for Inpatient Treatment of the Deaf Adolescent" Inservice Training Seminar, Larue Carter Memorial Hospital, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, Indiana, December, 1982.

"Communication Skills in a Crisis Setting" Workshop presented with Community Consultation Team of Bowling Green State University to staff of the Hancock County Domestic Violence Shelter, Fostoria, Ohio, June, 1981.

"Application of a Behavioral Model of Marriage to Deaf Marriages" Presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association, Detroit, Michigan, 1980.

### **CLINICAL INTERESTS**

Psychological Assessment  
Individual and Group Psychotherapy  
Forensic Consultation  
Divorce Mediation and Adjustment  
Clinical Supervision

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Board Member; Indiana Association of Mediators, 1999-2000

Diplomate, American College of Forensic Examiners - Board of Psychological Specialties 1998

Professional Development Award for Graduate Student Research,  
Bowling Green State University, 1981-82; 1979-80.

Summa Cum Laude graduate of State University of New York at Buffalo,



Buffalo, New York, 1978.

Phi Beta Kappa, 1978.

Dean's List, 1974-78, State University of New York at Buffalo

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Psychological Association

Indiana Psychological Association

Association of Family Conciliation Courts

American College of Forensic Examiners

References: Available upon request

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