

ORDERING PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS: AN IN-DEPTH LOOK

DR. MARK DILLON

Dr. Mark Dillon, PhD, is a licensed psychologist in Oregon, Washington, and Colorado, and he can also provide services in California. Dr. Dillon received his undergraduate degree from the Honors College at the University of Oregon, a Master's degree from the University of Oregon, and a doctoral degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He has trained as an individual, family, and group therapist. As a licensed psychologist, Dr. Dillon sought to enhance training for other professionals and working with people involved in the court system (including ODHS) with broad goals of advocating for children and increasing people's access to appropriate benefits and services. Over the years, he has developed expertise working with families, couples, gestational carriers (surrogates), and military veterans. He has extensive experience conducting evaluations related to parenting issues and assessing functional disabilities. In addition to evaluations, Dr. Dillon specializes in working one-on-one with people that are going through a high conflict divorce or are involved in the Child Welfare system.

JUDICIAL DECISION MAKING

DR. ROGER HALL

Dr. Roger Hall, PhD, is the author of *DIY Brain*, *Staying Happy Being Productive*, and *Expedition*. He is a business psychologist who trains leaders to monitor and manage their thinking. Great leaders work on themselves first, and then success in their companies follows. Dr. Hall has had the chance to consult and speak to all sorts of groups—from judges in federal courts, people in the intelligence community, company owners, executives, and university faculty, to social workers, teachers, and nurses, to construction workers, landscapers, and box-makers.

Dr. Hall is a 1991 graduate of Ohio State University's Counseling Psychology program. He completed his pre-doctoral internship at the University of Utah. He then accepted a position to be a staff psychologist at Ball State University, where he served until 1993. For nearly six years, he was the staff psychologist at a large church in Dublin, Ohio. In 1993, he founded Compass Consultation, Ltd., where he works with entrepreneurs, professionals and business owners to improve their lives and work performance.

Dr. Hall has spoken to judges and justices at the state and federal levels in the US and at the national level in Canada. He has worked with the NCJFCJ, NACM, and judges in Ohio, New York, Michigan, New Jersey, California, Idaho, Kansas, Minnesota, Virginia, and Illinois.



USING JUVENILE DEPENDENCY DATA TO IMPROVE COURT PRACTICE

YOUSEF ALLOUZI AND JAYNE COOPER

Yousef Allouzi is a JCIP Data Analyst and author who presently resides in McMinnville, Oregon. His current work is focused on systems change in child welfare through the analysis and presentation of court data. He graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Economics from Oregon State University. He also holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy from the same institution. He previously worked for the Federal Bureau of Prisons for 10 years, was a volunteer mediator, and he loves to travel.

Jayne Cooper (she/her) is a Legal and Policy Advisor for juvenile dependency law and ICWA. She primarily manages OJD's JCIP program, which is dedicated to the continuous quality improvement of juvenile dependency proceedings in Oregon. Jayne grew up in California's Central Valley, where her lifelong commitment to supporting children and families took root early working with families impacted by domestic violence. Jayne's mother was the executive director for their community's family services non-profit and has served as an inspiration throughout her career. After earning her J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York, Jayne spent 12 years representing children and youth in the dependency and delinquency systems through direct representation, policy and legislative reform, and impact litigation. Jayne is passionate about supporting Oregon's juvenile courts to improve practices and outcomes for families. In her spare time, she enjoys travel, cooking and trying new foods, and quality spending time with her husband and two boys.



MAINTAINING CULTURAL CONNECTIONS: WHY, WHAT, AND HOW?

TERRY CROSS, NICWA FOUNDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & SENIOR ADVISOR

Terry L. Cross, “Hah-ne-ga-noh,” DHL (hon) MSW, ACSW, LCSW, is an enrolled member of the Seneca Nation of Indians (Bear Clan). He received his master’s degree in social work from Portland State University (PSU) in 1977, and, in 2015, was awarded an honorary PhD by PSU. He is the founding executive director of and senior advisor to the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA). Terry serves the W.K. Kellogg Foundation as a racial healing practitioner. He is the author of many publications, including *Positive Indian Parenting*, *Cross-Cultural Skills in Indian Child Welfare* and co-authored *Toward a Culturally Competent System of Care*, published by Georgetown University.

Terry has 49 years of experience in child welfare and children’s mental health and is a licensed clinical social worker. He has organized culturally specific services, training curricula, and technical assistance programs, and has developed culturally based models for social work practice, research, and organizational development. He has provided consultation and coaching with agencies serving two-spirit Native youth regarding strengths-based outcomes.

Terry’s highest honor has been to be initiated into the Kenai Chieftain Society by the Blood Tribe of Canada in 1999. In 2011, he received the Robert F. Kennedy Embracing the Legacy Award at the Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston. Terry is a senior fellow of the American Leadership Forum of Oregon and has served as a presidential appointee on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration National Advisory Council. Terry was also appointed by Governor Kate Brown to the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN ORICWA CASES

TERRY CROSS, NICWA FOUNDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & SENIOR ADVISOR

SIALE EDMO, NATIVE YOUTH WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE

KRISTI PETITE, DIRECTOR, CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES, CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE

Siale Edmo is a youth with lived experience in Oregon’s child welfare system. Her family is Chippewa Cree, Māori, Shoshone-Bannock, Nez Perce & Yakama and her ancestors are from Celilo, a fishing village along the Columbia River and one of the oldest known settlements in the West. Siale’s cultural identity and tribal practices have been shaped by her family, in particular her grandfather Alan R. Parker, who dedicated his life to advocating for tribal rights and contributed to the design and development of some of the most important laws affirming tribal sovereignty, including the Indian Child Welfare Act. Siale lives in Portland and works for her family’s business, Indigenize, which connects customers with tribal and native owned businesses who make quality, everyday products.



Kristi Petite is a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (CTGR) and serves as the Children & Families Services (CFS) Program Manager for her Tribe. Kristi is the daughter of Henry Petite and Laurie Vincent. The granddaughter of Pete and Adrinne (Trudell) Petite and Richard and Maxine Vincent. Following college, Kristi started her career working for the State of Oregon at what was then called Children Services Division (CSD). It was during this time at CSD that Kristi quickly realized the need for systematic changes due to the disproportionate rate and treatment of Native families in the State Welfare System. In 1998, Kristi started working for her Tribe in the ICW (Indian Child Welfare) program, now known as Children & Family Services. Over the years, Kristi has served on numerous committees and work groups with the State of Oregon for policy, practice and legislative change. Kristi currently serves as the Co-Chair for the State of Oregon ICWA State Advisory Council. Kristi enjoys spending time with her family, preferably outdoors and near water.

KLAMATH ICWA COURT

JUDGE ANDREA JANNEY, KLAMATH COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

LISA RUIZ, CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAM MANAGER, THE KLAMATH TRIBES

The Honorable Andrea Janney was appointed to the Klamath County Circuit Court by Governor Kate Brown in February 2016 and was elected to her position in the general election that same year. She earned her law degree in 2005 from the University of Oregon School of Law. Prior to her work on the bench, Judge Janney spent 3 years as a prosecutor in the Klamath County District Attorney's office. She opened her own practice in 2008, focusing primarily on public defense in juvenile dependency matters. Judge Janney has been the lead juvenile judge in Klamath County since 2016 and was appointed as Presiding Judge of Klamath County in January 2023. In collaboration with DHS and the Klamath Tribe, Judge Janney has recently implemented an ICWA court docket to better address the needs of local Native children and families in the child welfare system.

Lisa Ruiz is the Program Manager for the Klamath Tribes' Children and Family Services program. She has worked for the Klamath Tribes for 13, including 10 years as an ICWA Caseworker prior to her current role. Lisa has represented the Klamath Tribes in ICWA proceedings in Oregon, Washington, California, Nevada, Arkansas and Minnesota as a tribal representative as well as a Qualified Expert Witness. Lisa received her Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Western Oregon University in 2002. Lisa has been married for almost 19 years and has 5 children and 7 grandchildren. She loves the beach and tries to have her feet in the sand as often as she can.



CHILD ABUSE REPORTING ORCAH

KRISTEN KHAMNOHACK, ODHS ORCAH SCREENING PROGRAM MANAGER

MICHELLE WATKINS, ATTORNEY IN CHARGE, OREGON DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Kristen Khamnohack (she/her) is the screening program and practice manager for the Child Welfare Division and oversees the Oregon Child Abuse Hotline. She has more than 20 years of field and statewide Child Welfare experience. Kristen's field work includes working in three counties: Washington, Columbia and Clackamas and in the role of a Child Protective Services worker, Hotline Screener, a supervisor and program manager. Her statewide work included child safety consultation and implementation of the Oregon Safety Model; Strengthening, Preserving, Reunifying Families (SPRF) service array; and Differential Response. Kristen has been in her current role since June of 2018 and led the implementation of Oregon's centralized child abuse hotline. Kristen has a tremendous passion for child safety and family preservation, extensive Child Welfare implementation science experience, strong community and staff engagement skills, and is a proven leader in the field of Child Welfare.

Kristen was born and raised in Oregon and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Family and Human Services from the University of Oregon. Go Ducks! Kristen is married, has two growing boys and enjoys an active life of sports, outdoor recreation and any chance for a vacation or trip! Kristen is an extrovert by nature and loves to socialize with others, especially over Mexican food!

Michelle Watkins is an Attorney in Charge in the Oregon Department of Justice Child Advocacy Division in Eugene, where she manages a team of 17 attorneys representing ODHS Child Welfare in Lane, Douglas, Coos, and Curry Counties. Michelle also works with and provides advice to multiple programs within ODHS Child Welfare, including the Oregon Child Abuse Hotline, ODHS' Child Safety Program, and ODHS' Public Records Unit. Michelle received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Oregon School of Law in 2011 and spent a year as a Judicial Clerk for the Honorable Suzanne Chanti at the Lane County Circuit Court before joining DOJ as an Assistant Attorney General in 2012. During her time with DOJ, Michelle has represented ODHS at all stages of juvenile dependency proceedings and has provided trainings for various groups on a wide range of topics, including mandatory child abuse reporting requirements for attorneys. She also currently serves as co-chair of the DOJ Ethics Committee. In her spare time, Michelle enjoys gardening, hiking, camping, and traveling with her husband and two dogs



APPELLATE AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

JORDAN BATES, OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

HON. DARLEEN ORTEGA, OREGON COURT OF APPEALS

HON. NORMAN HILL, POLK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Jordan Bates is senior assistant general counsel with the Office of General Counsel at the Oregon Judicial Department. Prior to joining OGC, Jordan worked for eleven years as a juvenile defense attorney at Youth, Rights and Justice, practicing both delinquency and dependency law. Jordan worked extensively on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status cases while at YRJ, and has presented at several CLE's on that and adjacent topics. Jordan also worked briefly as a staffer in the Oregon House of Representatives, which lent to her knowledge of the legislative process. Jordan resides in Portland with her husband and two kids.

The Honorable Darleen Ortega has served as a judge on the Oregon Court of Appeals since 2003 and is the first woman of color and the only Latina to serve as an appellate judge in Oregon. Before becoming a judge, she practiced law for 14 years, focusing her practice on all types of civil litigation at the trial and appellate levels. In her time on the bench, she has distinguished herself as a court leader on issues of juvenile dependency and on engaging and addressing the structural inequities that plague the legal system. Judge Ortega is a thought leader who writes and teaches frequently on topics related to equity, privilege, combatting structural and internalized racism and oppression, and learning to engage and value the perspectives of people at the margins. She teaches a ground-breaking Access to Justice course at all three Oregon law schools and serves as a resource to many organizations that are undertaking the work of addressing structural bias. She spends hours each week with law students and new lawyers, especially those from historically excluded communities, helping them to find their voices and to make sense of the legal world. She also is an avid film and theater critic; her reviews have appeared regularly in Oregon Artswatch and the Portland Observer.

The Honorable Norman R. Hill is the presiding judge for the Polk County Circuit Court, which he was appointed to in 2012. Since his appointment, Judge Hill has served as the primary juvenile court judge for the 12th Judicial District handling both delinquency and dependency dockets. Before joining the bench, Judge Hill was in private practice specializing in civil litigation, with an emphasis on real estate, business law and land use matters. Judge Hill is an active member of his community and also teaches at the Willamette University College of Law.

