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## CURRICULUM VITAE

### EDUCATION

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#### Post Graduate

##### Psychology: Advanced Education

- Advanced Sensorimotor Psychotherapy for Treatment of Trauma, Pat Ogden, Ph.D 2006-2009
- Advanced Sensorimotor Psychotherapy for Treatment of Developmental and Character Strategies, Pat Ogden Ph.D
- Neuroscience and Attachment Theory: Allan Schore, Ph.D, 2008-Ongoing
- Interpersonal Neurobiology: Daniel Siegel, M.D., 2005-2008

##### Institute of Contemporary Psychoanalysis

- One year Introductory Course
- Two year Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Certificated Program
- One year Advanced Class

##### Phillips Graduate Institute: Masters of Arts Degree; Marriage and Family Therapy

##### Law: Southwestern University School of Law

Juris Doctor Degree  
Los Angeles, California

##### English: University of California, L.A.

Independent Study  
Dr. J. Taylor

##### Education: California Lutheran College

Secondary Administrative Credential

##### Education: State Department of Education

Standard Life Credential

#### Undergraduate

##### Bachelor of Arts Degree: English, History

University of Illinois  
California State University, Los Angeles

## CURRENT WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Private Practice

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### Phillips Graduate Institute, Encino, CA, Adjunct Faculty

- Family Law
- Law and Ethics
- Applied Therapeutic Methodology
- Case Conference

### California State University, Northridge, CA, Adjunct Faculty

- Law and Ethics

### Maple Counseling Center, Beverly Hills, CA, Supervisor

## PAST PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC EXPERIENCE

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### Northridge Psychiatric Medical Group

Dr. Hyman Weiland, M.D., Ph.D., Supervisor

### Phillips Graduate Institute

Dr. Les Forman, Ph.D., Supervisor

### Northridge Hospital, Adolescent Psych

### Miller Memorial Childrens' Hospital

Long Beach Memorial Hospital

Dr. Carolyn Cunningham, Supervisor

### Glendale Family Service

Dr. Sharon Lavin

## ADDITIONAL CURRENT PSYCH/LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

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- Evaluations, Treatment, Reports, Expert Testimony
- Family Law Reports/Declarations/Child Custody Mediation/Parenting Plans
- Child Custody 730 Evaluation Preparation
- Parent/Child Re-Unification/Parental Alienation
- L.A. Superior Family Court Website: Approved for High Conflict Co-Parenting Ed
- L.A. Superior Family Court Website: Psychological Private Referral List For High Conflict Families
- Phillips Graduate Institute: Adjunct Faculty
- California State University, Northridge: Adjunct Faculty
- Maple Center Family Counseling/ Beverly Hills, CA: Supervisor
- Prescribing Psychologists Registrar Forensic Presentations

## GENERAL PAST TEACHING EMPLOYMENT

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Phillips Graduate Institute

- Family Law

California State University, Northridge, CA, Adjunct Faculty

- Law and Ethics

Los Angeles Community College

- Evidence and Criminal Law

Los Angeles Unified School District

- English, History, and Law

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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- Past President: San Fernando Valley Chapter of California Association of California Marriage & Family Therapists
- Board of Directors: Los Angeles Collaborative Family Law Association
- Coalition of Collaborative Divorce
- California Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Court Association
- American Family Conciliation Court Association
- California Chairperson of the Prescribing Psychologists Registrar
- Beverly Hills Bar Association
- Los Angeles Bar Association
- San Fernando Valley Bar Association
- Phillips Graduate Alumni Association

## PROFESSIONAL HONORS

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- Undergraduate Dean's List
- Marshall McComb Scholarship: Southwestern University College of Law
- Legislative Community Chairperson of Alternative Education: Sacramento, CA
- Director: Van Nuys Community Law Program
- Board of Directors: Mission College
- Past President: San Fernando Valley Chapter of California Association of Marriage & Family Therapists
- Board of Directors: Los Angeles Collaborative Family Law Association
- California Chairperson: Prescribing Psychologists Registrar

## PUBLICATIONS

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- (1995). Joint Custody, Impact on Women. *PROGRESS: Family Systems Research and Therapy*.
- (2001, August 31). Hanging On To Your Assets: How To Keep Your Money From Flying Away. *Daily Journal*.
- Joint Custody Moms. *Connections, A Publication of the San Fernando Valley Chapter of the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists*.
- (2004, August). A New Alternative To Custody Resolutions. *Bar Notes, A Publication of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association*.
- (2005, August 18). Collaborative Mediation Solves Custody Disputes. *Daily Journal*.
- An Alternative to Traditional Child Custody Litigation. *Connections: San Fernando Section of California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists*.

- (2007, June). High Conflict Couples Can Co-Parent Successfully. *Bar Notes, A Publication of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association.*
- (2009, May). Co-Parenting vs Parallel Parenting: Which Strategy Should be Implemented In Family Law Custody Disputes. *Bar Notes, A Publication of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association.*
- (2010, August). When A Parent Moves Away. *Valley Lawyer, A Publication of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association.*

## **RECENT PRESENTATIONS : 2008, 2009, 2010**

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- February, 2008: Divorce Coaching and It's Implications for High Conflict Couples
- April, 2008: Law and Ethics From An Experiential Perspective: Phillips Graduate Institute
- May, 2008: Divorce With High Conflict Couples, Maple Counseling Center, Beverly Hills, CA
- June, 2008: Law and Ethics: Creativity and Madness Seminar; Santa Fe, New Mexico
- April, 2009: Collaborative Practice, California: Celebration IV: Statewide Conference  
Foreclosure, Forbearance, Bankruptcy, and the Impact on Family Law Divorce
- June, 2009: The Impact of High Conflict Divorce Upon Children Maple Counseling Center, Beverly Hills
- June, 2009: Legal and Ethical Dilemmas for the MHP in the Arena of Family Law, UCLA
- August 2010: "Mastering The Art of Co-Parenting", presented to Minor's Counsel: Minors At Risk, Pasadena, CA

## **SUPPLEMENTAL TRAININGS AND CONSULTATIONS GROUPS**

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- One Year Advanced Study Group: Institute of Contemporary Psychoanalysis
- Three Year Advanced Developmental and Trauma Training with an Attachment Perspective: Pat Ogden
- Two Year Study Group in the area of Neuroscience and Attachment: Daniel Siegel
- Two Year Study Group in the area of Neuroscience and Attachment – Ongoing: Allan Schore
- Consultation Group: led by Gil Spielberg, Ph.D
- High Conflict Divorce Consultation Group – on going, monthly group of forensics in the area of child custody, with emphasis on parent/ child re-unification
- Association for Family Conciliation Court: group of child custody evaluators, attorneys and experts who meet monthly to discuss current issues in the area of high conflict divorce and its impact on children – Ongoing
- Practice Group: A small group consisting of family law attorneys, mental health professionals and financial experts – in short, an interdisciplinary group of professionals who deal with the various aspects of divorce, meets monthly

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Contact Renee Leff, J.D. MFT, FSCIPP for:

Documents in Support of Vita, References, Explanations of Additional Advanced Trainings, Education, and Experience