

Curriculum Vitae
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Professional Experience

Trial Consulting, Solo Practice, Lawrence, KS **4/02 – present**

Draw on jury research experience, and clinical social work experience and knowledge to assist attorneys in all phases of trial. In the civil arena, particular experience in personal injury cases, both plaintiff and defense, with emphasis on trucking industry. In the criminal arena, emphasis on death penalty defense.

In both civil and criminal, practice includes focus groups, mock trial, jury selection, questionnaire development, training, venue research and post trial juror interviews. For more information on services provided please visit www.bretdillingham.com

Civil Practice: Plaintiff or Defense. Particular experience in personal injury cases, and trucking industry, but also experience in commercial litigation, product liability, civil rights cases, and others. Have worked on civil matters in both State and Federal venues in most states, including AL, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MI, MO, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, TX, WV, and WY.

Criminal Practice: Criminal defense only. Particular experience in death penalty defense, including jury selection, questionnaire development, death qualification voir dire training, focus groups, forensic social work assessments, mitigation development, venue research and post trial juror interviews. Capital Trial appointments as a jury consultant expert in dozens of cases in the Federal Districts of Kansas, Eastern Missouri, Western Missouri, Middle District of Tennessee, Eastern and Western Districts of New York, and District of Connecticut, as well as State Courts in AR, IN, KS, MO, NY, OK, TX, VA, and WA. Have prepared reports and provided expert testimony in post conviction and venue matters in State and Federal Court. Also practice in non-capital criminal cases, with emphasis on major felonies.

Litigation Consultants, Inc., Lawrence, KS **1/97 – 4/02**

Current solo practice is a continuation of the work done with this firm but under a new business arrangement.

Private Practice Psychotherapist, Lawrence KS **1998 – 2004**

Note-this practice currently inactive due to other work commitments. Licensure is current.

Part-Time Adjunct Instructor, Kansas University Graduate School of Social Work **1/02 – 5/02**

Taught a graduate level course for students in the final year of their MSW program, due to other work commitments have been unable to repeat, but have hopes to do so in the future.

Shawnee Regional Prevention & Recovery Services, Topeka, KS

6/94 – 1/00

Consultant (9/98 – 1/00)

Clinical Director (1/96 – 8/98)

Clinical Specialist (6/94 – 12/95)

Provided individual, couples, and family therapy, diagnosis, and referral services for a wide range of clients who came self-referred or referred by the school, workplace, or courts around issues such as mental disorders, substance abuse, or work-related difficulties. As clinical director, oversaw all clinical operations, supervised four + other clinicians.

Menninger Clinic, Topeka, KS

9/93 – 3/97

Psychotherapist Volunteer/Post-Graduate Clinical Supervision (9/94 – 3/97)

Clinical Social Work Psychotherapist Intern (9/93 – 5/94)

As a psychotherapy intern, provided outpatient individual, group, family, and couples therapy under the training and supervision of senior Menninger clinicians. Received special training in the areas of psychiatric (DSM) diagnosis and family systems therapy. Developed and implemented a client rights procedure and new client orientation brochure now in use with all clients at the Menninger Community Service Office. As a psychotherapist volunteer, continued to provide direct clinical services in exchange for post-graduate clinical supervision from a senior member of the staff.

Educational History

MSW Master of Social Work (Clinical), University of Kansas, Lawrence, 1994

BGS Bachelor of General Studies (Liberal Arts), University of Kansas, Lawrence, 1990

Stirling University, Scotland, UK (attended 1/87 – 5/87)

Macalester College, St. Paul, MN (attended 8/84 – 5/86)

Professional Licensure and Certification

Licensed Specialist Clinical Social Worker (LSCSW), State of Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board

Certified Alcohol and Other Drug Counselor, State of Kansas Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services

Membership in Professional Associations

American Society of Trial Consultants (ASTC)

In past have been on following ASTC committees: Pro Bono Publico Committee, Standards Committee, and Awards Committee

National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

Selected Professional Presentations

Presenter, Trucking Industry Defense Association, *How to Use Jury Research*, October, 2014

Presenter, Patrick A. Williams Criminal Defense Institute, *Jury Selection*, Tulsa, OK, June 2014

Presenter, Polsinelli Retreat for Sharpening Trial Skills, *Effective Voir Dire*, Kansas City, MO, May 2014

Presenter, Capital Defense Workshop, Virginia Bar Association, *Lifesaving Voir Dire*, Richmond, VA, November 20, 2009

Presenter, Criminal Law In LA, *Effective Voir Dire In More Than Just Capital Cases*, New Orleans, LA, December 4, 2009

Co-presenter, Life In The Balance 2007:Defending Death Penalty Cases, Jury Selection: Lessons from Prospective Capital Jurors, Dallas, TX, March 13, 2007 (with Richard Kammen)

Speaker, Criminal Defense Tactics and Techniques VII, New York State Defenders Association, Jury Selection: Lessons from Capital Cases, Rochester NY, April 30, 2005

Faculty, Winter Intensive Trial Advocacy Program, Washburn University School of Law, January, 2005

Faculty, ATLA National College of Advocacy, *Case Workshop Program*, Chicago, IL, September 28 - October 2, 2001. Presentation, instruction, and facilitation of case workshop and focus groups.

Faculty, ATLA National College of Advocacy, *Ultimate Trial Advocacy Course*, Harvard Law School, March 24 – 29, 2001. Presentations and instruction provided daily to attending attorneys.

Faculty, ATLA National College of Advocacy, *Essentials of Civil Litigation*, National Judicial College, Reno, NV, October 14-19, 2000. Presentations and instruction provided daily to attending attorneys.

Faculty, ATLA National College of Advocacy, *Case Workshop Program*, Boston, MA, September 13-17, 2000. Presentation, instruction, and facilitation of case workshop and focus groups.

Faculty, ATLA National College of Advocacy, *Essentials of Civil Litigation*, Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA, March 10 – 16, 2000. Presentations and instruction provided daily to attending attorneys.
Presenter, “The Use of Litigation Consultants in Federal Cases.” University of Missouri, Kansas City, School of Law CLE seminar, Kansas City MO, June 11, 1999.

Presenter, “Assessing Juror Judgments in Capital Cases” State of Missouri Capital Defenders, St. Louis, MO, May 20, 1999.

Presenter, “The Use of Jury Consultants.” The Third Judicial District, Kansas Criminal Defense Bar, Topeka, KS, January 19, 1999.