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Areas of Expertise

Personal Injury Psychiatry
PTSD
Psychiatric Malpractice
Suicide

Forensic Psychiatry
Traumatic Brain Injury
Public Health Psychiatry
Medical Decision-Making

Grief and Wrongful Death
Production Liability and Psychiatry
Psychological Sequelae of Terrorism
Behavioral Economics in Health Care

Summary

Dr. Amsel serves as an expert witness in matters related to psychiatry, with a focus on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Suicide, Grief, Medical Decision Making, Hospital Psychiatric Care, Appropriate Evidence-based Standards of Care, and Malpractice. Dr. Amsel's expertise around the interface of legal and psychiatric issues is based on 28 years of experience in clinical practice, academic psychiatry, research, and public health. As an expert in the effects of traumatic experiences, after 9/11 Dr. Amsel co-directed the Trauma Studies and Services Division at the New York State Psychiatric Institute at Columbia University. He has been extensively involved in treating victims of 9/11 and their families, in researching the effects of the 9/11 attacks on survivors and first responders, and in training clinicians on cutting edge treatments for PTSD and Complicated/Traumatic Grief. He also works with veterans and their families to ensure they receive appropriate medical and psychiatric care. Dr. Amsel was one of the early champions of applying Decision Science, Game Theory and Behavioral Economics to medical decision making. He has applied these techniques to psychiatric research, including suicide prevention. He brings his extensive clinical and research expertise to a variety of complex legal issues involving psychiatry. Excellent references from law firms are available on request.

Current Positions

Research Psychiatrist, Child Psychiatric Epidemiology Group, Columbia University	Since 2008
Research Psychiatrist, NY State Psychiatric Institute and Columbia University	Since 2001
Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University	Since 1995
Attending Psychiatrist, New York Presbyterian Hospital,	Since 1995
Course Director, Psychiatry for Epidemiology Columbia University School of Public Health	Since 1993

Fellowships

1992-1994 Fellowship Training: National Institute of Mental Health Fellowship in Mental Health Statistics and Psychiatric Research Methods at Columbia University School of Public Health.

1994-1995 Freedom Forum Center Fellow, Research Topics: Analysis of healthcare reform, and journalistic representations of the reform process.

1999-2000 NIMH Research Fellow, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Columbia University

Education and Certification

BA, Mathematics, Columbia College, Columbia University, 1979

MD, Medicine, Yale University School of Medicine, 1988

MPH, Public Health/ Biostatistics, School of Public Health – Columbia University, 1998

Board Certified in Psychiatry, 1992