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Areas of Expertise

Personal Injury Psychiatry
PTSD
Psychiatric Malpractice
Suicide

Forensic Psychiatry
Forensic Epidemiology
Public Health Psychiatry
Medical Decision-Making

Grief and Wrongful Death
Psychiatric Issues in Social Media
Psychological Sequelae of Terrorism
Behavioral Economics in Health Care

Summary

Dr. Amsel serves as an expert witness in matters related to psychiatry and the law, with a focus on PTSD, Psychological Aspects of Personal Injury, Psychiatric Malpractice, Suicide and Wrongful Death, Prolonged Grief, Psychiatric Injury due to Social Media, Medical Decision Making, and Hospital Psychiatric Care. Dr. Amsel's expertise around the interface of legal and psychiatric issues is based on 28 years of experience on the faculty of Columbia University involved with clinical practice, emergency room psychiatry, 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, where he worked extensively with victims of 9/11 and their families, and researched the effects of the 9/11 attacks on survivors and first responders, and in trained other clinicians about PTSD and Prolonged Grief. Dr. Amsel was one of the early champions of applying Decision Science, Game Theory and Behavioral Economics to medical decision making and in Forensic Epidemiology. He has applied these techniques to the interface of psychiatry and the law. 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