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Interrogations and False Confessions: Social Science Confronts the Law

March 18, 2009

3:00 - 6:20 p.m.

UC College of Law - Room 114

Presented by the University of Cincinnati College of Law Glenn M. Weaver Institute of Law and Psychiatry and the College of Medicine.

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Over the last decade, courts and social science disciplines have recognized that police interrogation techniques have a powerful impact on interviewees and have produced false confessions by many actually innocent individuals. As a result, mental health experts are being asked to evaluate defendants and the circumstances under which statements were made to police, and courts are faced with determining whether juries should hear testimony about findings from such evaluations. Prosecutors, defense attorneys, and mental health professionals who consult with courts need up-to-the-minute information about scientific research on false confessions. They also need to know about the circumstances and interrogation techniques that increase the likelihood of false confessions, the ways that mental health experts evaluate defendants who may have confessed falsely, and the legal admissibility of testimony concerning these matters. This symposium helps lawyers and mental health experts know more about current evidence, science, research, and legal opinion on false confessions, and will help attorneys and mental health practitioners understand the legal and scientific concepts essential to this emerging area of forensic practice.

Schedule of Events

3:00 p.m. – Law, Science, and Confession Evidence

Moderator: DOUGLAS MOSSMAN, M.D., *Director, Weaver Institute, UC College of Law; Department of Psychiatry, UC College of Medicine*
Orientation to the symposium, summary of topics covered, and explanation of evaluation procedures.

3:05 p.m. – Nuts & Bolts of Police Interrogation: Who, What, When, Where, & Why?

SCOTT BRESLER, PH.D., *UC Department of Psychiatry, UC College of Medicine*

Dr. Bresler will explain the approaches and assumptions in custodial interviews, using video clips to illustrate various questioning-techniques. **Objectives:** By the end of this presentation, audience members will:

- define the difference between a police interview and police interrogation
- identify 2 assumptions that police interrogators make when they observe a suspect’s reactions to confrontation
- describe 2 different techniques used by police interrogators and their stated purposes

3:50 p.m. – Evaluation of Confession Evidence

EMILY A. KERAM, M.D., *University of California San Francisco School of Medicine*
Dr. Keram’s presentation will describe how mental health experts evaluate defendants’ statements, taking into consideration general scientific knowledge about confessions, specific factors related to the interview, and specific factors related to the defendants’ personal background. **Objectives:** By the end of this presentation, audience members will:

- describe scientific sources of scientific information on psychiatric aspects of law enforcement interrogations
- describe 2 indicators of appropriate and inappropriate law enforcement interrogation methods
- describe 2 indicators of valid and false confessions

4:35 p.m. – Break

4:50 p.m. – The Law of Expert Testimony on the Psychology of Interrogations and Confessions

SOLOMON M. FULERO, PH.D., J.D., *Sinclair College; Wright State University Dept. of Psychiatry*
Whether testimony by mental health experts concerning false confessions should be admissible is the subject of ongoing debate within our nation’s courts. In his presentation, Dr. Fulero will review key court decisions on this topic, explaining reasons why courts have found for or against admitting such expert evidence. **Objectives:** By the end of this presentation, aided by Dr. Fulero’s handouts summarizing cases, audience members will:

- explain 3 basic legal requisites for admissibility of expert testimony on interrogations and confessions
- state 1 argument for and 1 argument against admissibility
- state where to locate relevant legal cases concerning these matters

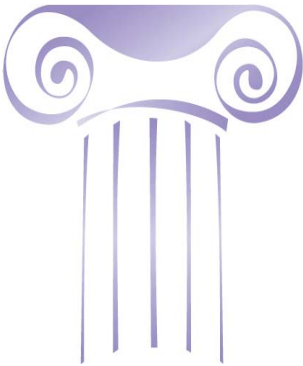
5:35 p.m. – Reliability Lost, False Confessions Found

MARK GODSEY, J.D., *UC College of Law*
The current status of confession evidence in court reflects a set of historical occurrences, legal developments, and new scientific knowledge about the impact and veracity of confessions. **Objectives:** By the end of this presentation, Professor Godsey will enable audience members to explain:

- historically, the reliability of a confession has been an important factor in determining its admissibility
- until recently, courts and mental health professionals lacked good methods for demonstrating that false confessions occur or how often they occur
- in 1986, just before the DNA evidence revolution, the Supreme Court (in *Colorado v. Connelly*) removed the “reliability rationale” from the admissibility requirements
- just after *Connelly* was decided, DNA testing started proving that false confessions occur more often than anyone had suspected

6:20 p.m. – Adjournment & Course Evaluation

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