

Two Day Training Conference

**Crimes Against Women and Their Children**  
**Law Enforcement & Prosecution**  
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**“Real” Experts vs. “Hired Guns”**

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### **“Hired Guns” vs. “Real Experts”: Who Should I Listen To?**

- I. Introduction
- II. Varieties of Mental Health Experts
  - A. Psychologists
  - B. Psychiatrists
  - C. Social Workers
  - D. Marriage and Family Counselors
  - E. Licensed Professional Counselors
  - F. Schools of Thought-Formal and Informal
- III. Experts and the Daubert/Robinson Rule
  - A. Diagnosis and the DSM-IV
  - B. Art vs. Science and Rates of Error
  - C. Psychological Testing
  - D. General Acceptance
  - E. Consistency with Published Literature
  - F. What is Pseudoscience?
  - G. Systemic Solutions for Problems of Individual Incompetence
  - H. Hiding Discovery in Daubert Hearings
  - I. Is the Reproducibility Criterion Realistically Applicable to Mental Health or Other Issues?
  - J. The Prospects: Chipping Away Without Exclusion and Gradual Criteria Broadening?
- IV. The Myth of the Objective Expert
  - A. Sources of Bias
    1. Personal
    2. Disciplinary
    3. Politically Correct Stances in Professional Organizations
    4. Pascal’s Wager
    5. The Pull of Adversarial Polarities
    6. Monetary Bias
    7. Selective Information Availability