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## Overview

I am a forensic psychologist specializing in psychological evaluations for both criminal and civil cases. I have extensive training in evaluating competency to stand trial and criminal responsibility (legal insanity) and provide easily readable findings-based reports that clearly and relevantly answer the specific referral question. As an evaluator, I pride myself on objectivity, transparency, and clinical assessment.

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## Forensic Experience

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### **ForenPsych (Farhat Psychological Evaluations PLLC), Royal Oak, Michigan**

Owner and Forensic Psychologist (December 2022 to present)

- Conduct forensic evaluations for both criminal and civil cases, provide attorneys and courts with relevant and substantiated opinions, and testify when requested.
- Referrals include, but are not limited to, Competency to Stand Trial, Criminal Responsibility, Violence Risk, Likelihood of Competency Restoration, Culpable Mental State, Psychological Disability, etc.

### **Farhat Psychological Evaluations PLLC, Little Rock, Arkansas**

Owner and Forensic Psychologist (October 2021 to present)

- Conduct forensic evaluations for both criminal and civil cases, provide attorneys and courts with relevant substantiated opinions, and testify when requested.
- Referrals include, but are not limited to, Competency to Stand Trial, Criminal Responsibility, Violence Risk, Likelihood of Competency Restoration, Culpable Mental State, Psychological Disability, etc.

## **University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (Arkansas State Hospital), Little Rock, Arkansas**

Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry (September 2021 to December 2022)

- Conduct court-ordered evaluations for criminal defendants within the State of Arkansas, submit forensic reports, and testify when requested.
  - Referrals included Fitness to Proceed (Competency to Stand Trial), Criminal Responsibility, Violence Risk, Likelihood of Competency Restoration, and Culpable Mental State.
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## **Education and Training**

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### **University of Detroit Mercy**

Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology (2014 to 2020)

### **University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (Arkansas State Hospital), Little Rock, Arkansas**

Postdoctoral Fellow in Forensic Psychology (September 2020 to September 2021)

Conduct court-ordered evaluations for criminal defendants within the State of Arkansas, submit forensic reports, and testify when requested.

### **Arkansas State Hospital, Little Rock, Arkansas**

APA Approved Predoctoral Internship (July 2019 to July 2020)

- Severe Mental Illness Rotation – Group and individual therapy as well as psychological assessment of both forensic and civilly committed inpatients.
- Forensic Rotation – Court ordered forensic evaluations of criminal defendants in the State of Arkansas.
- Adolescent Rotation – Group and individual therapy as well as psychological assessment of forensic and civilly committed adolescent inpatients.

### **Clinic for Child Study (Third Circuit Court), Detroit, Michigan**

Doctoral Practicum (September 2017 to August 2018)

- Conduct psychological assessments for delinquent juveniles. Referrals included Competency to Stand Trial, Criminal Responsibility, Disposition to aid in sentencing, and treatment planning.

### **Center for Forensic Psychiatry, Saline Michigan**

Doctoral Practicum (September 2016 to September 2017)

- Conduct comprehensive psychological assessments on forensic inpatients adjudicated incompetent to stand trial or acquitted by reason of insanity.
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## Research and Presentations

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- International Psychology Conference in Dubai (10/08/2021)
- State of Arkansas Forensic Training for Community Evaluators (09/28/2021)
- Hospital wide conference presentation at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry (03/11/2021)
- Correlates of Psychological Testing on Inpatient Violence and Length of Stay amongst Forensic Patients.