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Dr. Lynn Steinberg has been a therapist for 50 years, specializing in domestic violence and sexual abuse. As an expert witness in the courts, she has expanded her expertise to include parental alienation, coercive control, and false allegations. She provides testimony across the United States and internationally. Dr. Steinberg was the first expert witness to identify coercive control as a form of domestic violence and, by extension, parental alienation.

Education

Doctorate Degree

8/1980 - 12/1986

California Graduate Institute

(now merged with The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, which is fully accredited):

- Ph.D. Clinical Psychology in Clinical Psychology
- ***Dissertation:** "Mother-Daughter Relationships in Incestuous Families".

Master and Bachelor

1/1974 - 6/1980

Antioch University, Santa Barbara, CA.

- Bachelor of Arts
- Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology

State & Provincial Licenses

Marriage, Family, and Child Therapy

1982

- License# MW-18084 (1982)

Registered Clinical Counsellor (BC)

- Association of Clinical Counsellors (BCACC #22384)

Awards

- "Who's Who in American Universities"
- Presidents List, 4 years
- Delta Theta Tau Scholarship Awards, 1978-1984
- Mental Health Advocate of the year 2024
- Who's who in America, 2025

Memberships

- **Alternative Dispute Resolution** (ADR) Superior Court 4/99
- **AAMFT American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy** 2/2002
- **CAMFT California Association and Marriage and Family Therapist**
- **Psychology Today**
- **AFCC Association of Family and Conciliation Courts**
- **BC Association of Clinical Counsellors** (RCC #22384) 2/2024
- **IOFP**
- **Who's Who in America**
- **CAMFT and AAMFT**

Publications

Book Published

Published, 2020.

"You're Not Crazy: Overcoming Parent/ Child Alienation"

Talks

- My book and the court process: Lawrence@surfacesusa.com
- Kenneth Landau, Radio Host: "Law You Should Know": lawyerkjl@aol.com
- Fraternity Foodie Podcast: Michael Ayalon
- Radio Red – You Read My Lips: Bonnie.d.graham@voiceamerica.com aka RadioRed
- Dr. Allen Lycka "How To Live a Fantastic Life": Drallenlycka.com/podcast
- Wish TV "All Indiana" WISH-TV lisa@preferredcares.com
- Caregiver Dave: Dave@CaregiverDave.com
- Zen Success Podcast: Charissasims333@gmail.com
- "Let's Talk Podcast" with Mary Auld
- "Slam the Gavel Podcast" with Maryann Petri
- "Oh Hell No Podcast: ohhellnopodcast@gmail.com
- "The Law Center Video Cast" with Lawrence De Marco
- "A Fine Time for Healing" with Randi Fine: Loveyourlife@randifine.com
- "The Frankie Boyer Lifetime Show": Frankieboyer@aol.com

YouTube

- *Families Divided*
- *Family Access*
- *Jack Canfield*
- *ISNAF*

Articles

- *Family Practice News* - June 1994
- *Internal Medicine News and Cardiology News* - December 1994
- *Letters to the Editor Re: The Board of Psychology "The California Psychologist"*, October 1997
- *Parental Alienation International: "Courage" and "Risk Assessments"*. Editor is Alan Blotky
- *Contemporary Family Magazine*: Editor is Mark Roseman. "Discussion about Parental Alienation" and "Challenges in Misinformation for Parental Alienation Experts"
- *Suicide and Homicide in Parental Alienation* -In Law Magazine
- *Due Process should be Essential to the Administrative Process of State Medical Boards*
- *Medical Boards: Checks, but no Balance Prevent Due Process for Accused Physicians*
- "Risk Assessments"2024
- "On Courage" 2024

Professional Services & Experience

Expert Witness

Provide expert testimony regarding parent alienation in the courts.
Have appeared in many states in Family, Civil and Criminal Courts.

- Expert witness in domestic violence and coercive control. First professional to use the new Coercive Control law SB-1141, allowing a Domestic Violence Restraining Order in a Parental Alienation case; September 2020. This case set a legal precedent in California.
- Expert witness and testimony in cases involving treatment of adults abused as children, sexual abuse, false accusation of sexual abuse, and parental alienation in children's family, civil, and criminal courts.

Professional Training & Workshops

Addressed international audiences at conferences regarding parental alienation and changing the child abuse law, mandatory education, and reporting of child abuse.

Current Experience & Services

Private Practice

1984 to Present

Expert witness specializing in parent alienation, coercive control, domestic violence and sexual abuse issues.

Consultant

Assist alienated parents and attorneys with strategies for exposing the parental alienation of children.

Expert Witness Reports

Read all documentation and reviewed recordings to write the report.

Expert

Run a 4-day therapeutic reunification program for alienated children.

Clinical Director

Family Reflections Reunification Program Inc., Nanaimo, BC, Canada December 2023 to 2024.

Psychotherapy

Individual, Groups, and Family Treatment, Adults, Adolescents, and Children.

Conduct Mediations

1999 - Present

Mediation: Trained at UCLA and Pepperdine University.

Experienced in divorce, community relations, custody, and other issues. Mediator for the California Supreme Court.

Professional Services & Experience

Past Experience

UCLA Bariatric Surgery

2006 - 2012

Evaluated candidates for bariatric surgery.

Social Worker

1974 - 1984

8/1980 - 11/1984 Crittenton Center, Los Angeles.

Individual, family and group therapy for pregnant adolescent girls and their families.

6/1978 - 9/1980 California LivingCenters.

Placed and monitored children in foster homes.

11/1977 - 6/1978 Klein Bottle Youth Services, Santa Barbara, CA.

Counselor for youths with drug, alcohol, and delinquency problems.

2/1974 - 11/1977 Gulf Coast Regional Mental Health Services, Galveston, TX.

Designated social worker to deinstitutionalize adults leaving state hospitals. Member of psychiatric emergency team. Worked on a case heard by the U.S. Supreme Court, which resulted in the 72-hour hold law. (5150 Law).

Supervising Experience

Domestic Violence, Phoenix House and YMCA Glendale California. Shelter for Battered Women. Violence in the family Santa Barbara, California. Supervised Clinical Training.

Legislation

- Worked with a team on a case that went to the U.S. Supreme Court that established the 5150 hold legislation.
- Worked on a team to establish a Statute of Limitations under Administrative Law, protecting healthcare professionals.
- Working currently on changing the Child Abuse law to include parent alienation as psychological abuse of a child. It includes mandatory education and mandatory reporting by professionals in law, social work, psychology, education and medical fields.

Additional Experience

Volunteer U.S Peace Corps

1968-1971 Botswana, Africa.

President Professional Advocacy Network

1993-1996 A National organization advocating for civil rights under administrative law for physicians, psychologists, therapists, and other healthcare professionals.

Co-Owner Psychotherapy Programs in Retirement Homes

1994 -1995 Established programs in retirement homes and developmentally disabled facilities that provided psychotherapy for the residents.