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Education

MA, Counseling Psychology, with honors, Golden Gate University, 2002
BA, California State University, Chico, 1993
Certificate, Collaborative Law, Collaborative Legal Practice Institute, 2002
Assessment Approaches in Career Development, John F. Kennedy University, Summer 2003

Professional Experience

Vocational Evaluator
Partner, Stevenson and Bruns
2001 – Present

Marlis evaluates individuals for the purpose of assessing future employability and wage earning capacity in conformity with California Family Code, Section 4320. She is qualified to administer and interpret vocational test instruments and has performed in-depth research and statistical analysis for re-entry and professional workers in numerous industries, including information technology, education, social services, architecture/ engineering, graphic and fine arts, medical sciences and professional services. She is knowledgeable about availability, duration and costs associated with the training and rehabilitation programs in the Bay Area.

Marlis conducts diagnostic interviews to understand an individual's background, education and work experience. She interprets vocational test results to identify transferable work skills, aptitudes, values and interests and has experience reporting conclusions supported by documented data, primary and secondary research, including minimum qualifications, earnings averages, and, when applicable, timeframe estimates to reach stated objectives.

Corporate and Non-Profit Experience

Marlis has nine years experience in management and staff positions in the corporate and non-profit sectors. Her job functions included recruitment, fundraising, marketing, training, business development and control of annual budgets exceeding 1.2 million. Marlis applies her knowledge of work culture, hiring practices, and interviewing strategies to help individuals identify a broad selection of career options and make realistic career choices.

Presentations

American Board of Vocational Experts, Panel Member, 2003

Topic: Practice Management Techniques in a Marital Dissolution Case

Bar Association of San Francisco/ Family Law Section, Speaker, 2003

Topic: The Use and Misuse of Vocational Evaluations in a Spousal Support Motion

Contra Costa County Bar Association/ Family Law Section, Speaker, 2004

Topic: How to Use a Vocational Evaluation in a Down Economy

Northern California Association of Law Librarians Spring Institute/ Speaker, 2004

Topic: Techniques for Increasing Your Employability in Uncertain Times

American Board of Vocational Experts, Moderator/ Speaker, 2004

Topic: Vocational Evaluation: Standards of Practice in California Family Law

Collaborative Law Association of Contra Costa County, Speaker, 2005

Topic: Overview of the Vocational Evaluation Process in a Collaborative Dissolution

Contra Costa County Bar Association/ Family Law Section, Speaker, 2005

Topic: Identifying and Dealing with *Bias* in a Vocational Evaluation

American Board of Vocational Experts, Speaker, 2005

Topic: Marketing your Forensic Practice

Association of Certified Family Law Specialists, 2007

Topic: Best Practices: Effective Advocacy with a Vocational Evaluation

Alameda County Family Lawyers Association, 2007

Topic: An Overview of a More Effective – and Trackable – Seek Work Order

American Board of Vocational Experts, 2007

Topic: Interactive Report Writing for Different Forensic Venues

Associations and Affiliations

American Board of Vocational Experts, Fellow

National Career Development Association

California Career Development Association

Bar Association of San Francisco, Family Law Section

Contra Costa County Bar Association, Family Law Section

Court Expert

Appointed and testified as court expert in Contra Costa, Alameda, San Mateo and Solano Counties.

