

Title: Adam Walsh Act Forensic Evaluations: Psychosocial Evaluation of Family Based Immigrant Petitions

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Specialization:

Description:

On July 27, 2006 President George W. Bush enacted the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act. This law was meant to protect children from sexual exploitation in violent crimes, prevent child abuse and child pornography, and to promote Internet safety. However, the act also amended INA Section 204 and effectively prohibited US citizens and lawful permanent resident aliens who have been convicted of any "specific crime against a minor" from filing any family-based immigrant petition on behalf of any beneficiary. In this program, forensic expert Mark Silver presents an overview of the Adam Walsh Act as it pertains to immigration defense lawyers who assist clients with family-based immigration petitions specifically focusing on the forensic challenges and clinical mitigation issues in these complex and serious cases.

Presenter Bio:

MARK S. SILVER is a lawyer and New York State Licensed Clinical Social Worker with a doctorate in psychology and post-graduate certificate in family therapy. He is the author of several publications, including "Handbook of Mitigation in Criminal and Immigration Forensics: Humanizing the Client Towards a Better Legal Outcome." (2018). Since 2002, Mark has worked as a consultant for law firms throughout the United States conducting psychosocial evaluations and writing formal reports in forensics and mitigation in criminal, immigration, and personal injury cases. He has worked with thousands of clients from over 40 countries on various individual, family, and mental health issues. He has also provided expert testimony in many of these cases in Immigration Court and lectures to lawyers in the United States on a wide range of forensic issues with case samples. He can be reached at marksilver1@cs.com or 917-608-1346.

Learning Objectives:

- I. Recognize the legal background of the Adam Walsh Act
- II. Identify major mitigation strategies and criteria in defense of these cases
- III. Understand major risk factors in these cases
- IV. Grasp the overall purpose of criminal mitigation in this context

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