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#### **CREDENTIALS**

Nationally Certified Vocational Evaluation Specialist (CRCC)(#383)
Diplomate, American Board of Vocational Experts (ABVE)(#198717)
Master Career Counselor, National Career Development Association, (NCDA)
National Certified Career Counselor (NCCC) (#5685)

### **EDUCATION**

M.A., Counseling Psychology, University of California, Berkeley B.S., Boston University's Wheelock College of Education and Human Development Post Graduate Courses: UCLA Extension and Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles

### FORENSIC VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNSELOR/EXPERT

Vocational expert in over 3,000 dissolution and wrongful termination cases, 1983-present Administer and interpret inventories and tests for assessing career/work potential Interview clients and assess interests, abilities, skills and career values Determine current and future earning capacity and employability Provide data on job availability and salaries Research appropriate training and educational options and costs Write reports documenting findings Provide expert testimony in court

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, Bay Area Vocational Experts (BAVE), 2005-present
Family Law Section, Los Angeles County Bar Assoc., Associate Member, 1991-present
Family Law Section, State Bar of California, Associate Member, 1983-present
Family Law Section, Beverly Hills Bar Assoc., Adjunct Member, 1983-present
Family Law Section, San Fernando Valley Bar Assoc., Associate Member, 1990
American Society for Training and Development, 1980-2005
Catalyst, Network Member, Advisory Board, New York City, 1979-90
National & California Career Development Associations, 1979-present

# HONORS AND AWARDS

Career Development Practitioner of the Year, California Career Development Assn. 2002-03

Master Career Counselor, National Career Development Association, 2002-present
Certificate of Appreciation Superior Court, County of L.A. Family Court Services, 1991

Honored for Outstanding Contribution to Personal Enrichment, ASTD, Los Angeles Chapter, 1989

Honored for Diligence and Dedication, Career and Vocational Division, California State Department of Education, March 1987; Outstanding Leadership Award, 1990

Appreciation Award, L.A. County Commission on the Status of Women

# CAREER, VOCATIONAL & MANAGEMENT ISSUES INSTRUCTOR/TRAINER/CONSULTANT (partial list)

Invited Presenter, Association of Certified Family Law Specialists (ACFLS) Annual Spring Seminar, 2020 Invited Presenter, Legal Studies Group, Long Beach, CA 2017

Presenter, What Color are Your Legal Briefs? NCDA Conference, Long Beach, CA 2014

Invited Volunteer Family Law Mediator, San Fernando Valley Bar Association, 11/8/12

Guest, Family Law Hour Internet Radio Program, 8/05/12

Presenter, State Bar of California Family Law Section Webinar 11/09/10

Presenter, State Bar of California, Board of Governors, Helping Lawyers in a Down Economy, 11/09

Presenter, Beverly Hills Bar Association, Hot Tips Program, Family Law Section, 6/09

Panel Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Family Law Trial Advocacy Program, 2008

Invited Speaker, Economic Research Institute's 2006 Research Staff and Subscriber Conference

Panel Member, Continuing Education of the Bar, C.E.B., Family Law Program, 2003

Speaker, Los Angeles Times Career Expo 2000 & 2001 & 2002

Panel Presentation, "Imputing Income - Using an Earning Capacity Standard in the Determination of Child and Spousal Support," Family Law Sections, Los Angeles County Bar Association/San Fernando Valley Bar Association, May 1999

Panel Member, "Imputing Income," Beverly Hills Bar Association, Annual Family Law Symposium, 1998 Presenter, "Practice Pointers," 24th Annual Family Law Symposium, Family Law Section, LACBA, 1992

Speaker, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 1989 & 2001

Workshop Leader, Conciliation Court Conferences, 1979-91

Instructor, The Employers Group, 1983-2000

Consultant, Los Angeles Community College District, 1978-80

Consultant, Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools, 1981-86

Adjunct Professor, University of San Francisco, M.P.A. Program, 1987-89

Adjunct Professor, University of Judaism, M.B.A. Program, 1983-86

Consultant, UCLA Office of Special Personnel Programs, 1980 & 1983

Presenter, California Business Education Leadership Conference, 1986

Instructor, UCLA Extension, 1979-89. Courses include: Local Labor Market Information: Update and

Briefing, Options in Part-time Work, and Career Mobility for Women.

Speaker, professional conferences, conventions, meetings, and legal study groups, 1984-present

# **CAREER COUNSELOR** Private Practice

Career Counseling Services for the State Bar of California Lawyer Assistance Program, 1995-present

Selected as Career Counselor for the Los Angeles Times website, 1994-07

Provide clients with information and support for action on career issues

Design workbook materials and self-assessment instruments

Create action contracts to help clients achieve goals

Teach assertiveness, time management, and decision-making skills

Prepare resumes and cover letters and additional job search marketing materials

Coach clients on effective interview techniques and self-presentation, including the use of social media

Provide spouse relocation, outplacement, and EAP career counseling services for corporations

# VOCATIONAL EDUCATION CONSULTANT, California State Department of Education

Develop training modules/programs for education, business, nonprofit agencies, state and federal projects Plan, present, and evaluate in-service and staff development programs

Assist with implementation of state and federal legislation

Coordinate conferences, programs, and projects

## PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Associate Project Director, TIDE Project, Career & Vocational Unit, CSDE, 1982-90

Area Representative, Career Planning and Adult Development Network, 1982-present

Advisory Board Member, L.A. County Career Guidance Center, 1979-80

Commissioner, L.A.U.S.D. Commission for Sex Equity, 1980-83

### **PUBLICATIONS** (partial list)

Miller, Susan, M.A., Child Support, Vocational Examinations, and Earning Capacity: New Cases and Utilizing Vocational Experts LACBA Family Law Symposium Book, May 2014

Miller, Susan Wise, M.A., Spousal Support & Vocational Examinations: Gavron Warnings, Richmond Orders, and the Morrison Rule, LACBA 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Law Symposium Reference Book, May 2013.

Miller, Susan W., M.A., and Brincko, Jean, *New Appellate Cases Highlight the Value of a Vocational Expert*, Los Angeles County Bar Association Family Law Section 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Symposium, 2009.

Miller, Susan W., M.A., co-author, Even If Your Motion for a Vocational Examination Was Denied, a Vocational Expert May Still Be Helpful, Family Law News, State Bar of California Family Law Section, Vol. 30:1, 2008.

Miller, Susan W., M.A., co-author, *Imputation of Earnings De-Mystified*, 2008 Family Law Reference Book, Los Angeles County Bar Association Family Law Section 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium, 2008.

Brincko, Jean, & Miller, Susan W., *LAP Career Counseling Survey Results*, <u>2004 Lawyer Assistance Program</u> Annual Report Appendix J, 2005.

Miller, Susan W., M.A., *Vocational Examinations in Family Law Cases*, <u>Association of Certified Family Law Specialists Newsletter</u>, Spring 2001.

Miller, Susan W., M.A., *Vocational Examinations in Family Law Cases in California*, Publication #9-Q, <u>Family</u> Law Section Syllabus, 24th Annual Family Law Symposium, Beverly Hills Bar Association, November 1998.

Miller, Susan W., M.A., and Jacobs, Alice, Guest Editors, Special Issue: *Lawyers and Career Development*, Career Planning and Adult Development Journal, Volume 12 Number 1, Spring 1996.

Miller, Susan W., M.A., co-author, *Vocational Evaluations in Family Law Cases*, <u>Family Law Symposium Reference Book</u>, Los Angeles County Bar Association, Family Law Section, May 1994 and 1995.

Miller, Susan W., M.A., *Let's Be Prepared for Workquakes*, <u>Los Angeles Business Journal</u>, August 15, 1994. *New Trends in Employment Pose Challenges to Workers*, <u>Los Angeles Business Journal</u>, Jan. 23, 1989.

Miller, Susan W., M.A., co-author, *Vocational Examinations Related to the Determination of Spousal Support*, Representing Clients in Spousal and Child Support Matters, Continuing of the Bar, June 1991 & October 1993.

Miller, Susan W., M.A., co-author, 1992 Amendments to California Civil Code Section 4801 Regarding the Use of the Vocational Examination in Family Law, Family Law News and Review, Los Angeles County Bar Association Family Law Section, Vol. XIII, No.2, Spring, 1992, and Family Law News, State Bar of California, Summer Issue, 1992.

Miller, Susan W., M.A., co-author, *The Vocational Examination: Its Use in Determining Spousal Support in California*, The Career Center Bulletin, Management Institute, Graduate Business School, Columbia University, NYC, NY, Vol. 6, No. 3, 1989.

Miller, Susan W., M.A., co-author, *Economic Independence: Vocational Assessments and Spousal Support*, <u>Los Angeles Lawyer</u>, March 1984.

Miller, Susan W., M.A., *The Use of Vocational Training Consultants in Family Law*, Guest Editorial, <u>Beverly Hills Bar Association Journal</u>, Vol. 18, No. 1, Winter 1983.

Miller, Susan W., M.A., et. al., *Guidelines for Counseling and Guidance in the State of California*, Human Equity Section, California State Department of Education, 1981.

Miller, Susan W., M.A., Working with Handicapped Students, an In-service Training Module, Los Angeles Community College District, 1980.

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