

# Dr. Bob Jacobs

## EDUCATION

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**United States International University**, San Diego, California

Psy.D. in psychology, June 1982

M.A. in psychology, June 1980

**University of Southern California**, Los Angeles, California

M.A. in physical education, June 1974

**William Paterson College**, Wayne, New Jersey

B.A. in sociology, *magna cum laude*, August 1972

## LEGAL EDUCATION (USA)

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**University of Florida College of Law**, Gainesville, Florida

J.D. (with Honors), May 2003

G.P.A. 3.33

Honors, Appellate Advocacy, Spring 2001

Honors, Legal Research and Writing, Fall 2000

Fellow – Center for Children and the Law

International Human Rights Moot Court Team

Pro Bono Certificate

**Cornell Law School Summer Institute**, Paris, France

Human Rights Law

Summer 2001

**Externship in Child Advocacy**, Brisbane, Australia

Youth Affairs Network of Queensland, Summer 2002

## PROFESSIONAL LICENSES/CERTIFICATION

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**Registered Clinical Psychologist** - Queensland (Reg. #1080181)

**Registered Family Dispute Resolution Provider** - Australia (Reg. # R1003682)

**Solicitor/Principal** - Queensland (#65898)

**Member, Florida Bar** - [Bar Number 0658723 – Inactive Status]

**Licensed Psychologist** - California [License #PSY8235 - Inactive Status]

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE - PSYCHOLOGY**

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The Parenting Centre, Maleny, Queensland  
Private Clinical Practice  
March 2009 – Present

Capella University, Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Harold Abel School of Psychology  
**Core Faculty**  
May 2000 – December 2017  
Teaching graduate psychology courses online. Participating in course review and revision. Teaching doctoral students at residential colloquia.

Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, Florida  
**Adjunct Faculty**  
March 2000 - Present  
Teaching undergraduate psychology and human behavior courses online.  
Mentoring faculty in online pedagogy.

Australian College of Applied Psychology, Sydney, NSW  
**Faculty**  
September 2014 – July 2016

University of the Sunshine Coast, Sippy Downs, QLD  
**Clinical Supervisor**  
February 2009 – June 2009  
Providing clinical supervision for the Psychology Clinic to students in the masters program

Hillsborough County Department of Children's Services, Tampa, Florida  
**Clinical Services Manager**  
August 1994 - February 1999  
Managed clinical services for children's agency including clinical and administrative supervision.

Jackson Hole Community Counseling Center, Jackson, Wyoming  
**Executive Director**  
December 1992 - January 1994  
Managed all aspects of community mental health center.

**Private Clinical Practice** (various locations)  
1981 - 1992  
Provided individual and family therapy, specializing in children and adolescents and parenting issues.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE – LAW/MEDIATION**

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### **Pro Bono Project - Advocacy for Children**

Solicitor

February 2017 – Present

Change Law, Maleny, Queensland

Principal

September 2014 – September 2016

HM Lawyers, Maleny, Queensland

Solicitor

February 2012 – June 2014

Lifeline Families, Maroochydore, Queensland

Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner

January 2010 – June 2010

The Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities, Tampa, Florida

**Education Team Manager/Senior Attorney**

May, 2005 – October 2008

Bay Area Legal Services, Tampa, Florida

**Equal Justice Works Fellow/Attorney**

September 2004 – February, 2005

Southern Legal Counsel, Gainesville, Florida

**Law Clerk**

August 2001 - January 2003

Perform legal research and write legal memos in cases dealing with special education and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Gator TeamChild, Gainesville, Florida

**Pro Bono Placement**

January 2001 - December 2001

Participate in juvenile clinic including assisting in preparing motions, writing briefs, legal research and observation in court..

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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**Featured Speaker:** Grafton Head Space

Grafton NSW – Understanding Children/Parenting Adolescents

September 10-11, 2018

**Featured Speaker:** “Changing the Paradigm – Removing Parenting Cases From Family Court” - Child Inclusive Practice Forum, Adelaide – October, 2017

## **PRESENTATIONS (Continued)**

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**Featured Presenter:** “The Therapy Journey” and “Frustration to Celebration: Journey to a Joyful Life” Woodford Folk Festival – December, 2015

**Featured Speaker:** The Dr. Peter Breggin hour (Podcast) – December 2015

**Featured Presenter:** “Changing the World Through Parenting” – Woodford Folk Festival Woodford Folk Festival – December, 2013

**Featured Speaker:** Foster Carers Annual Recognition Dinner  
Department of Children’s Services, Brisbane – November, 2013

**Featured Speaker:** “Parenting As a Clinical Intervention” – Australian Psychological Society Dinner – August, 2013

**Featured Presenter:** Multi-Disciplinary Family Intervention  
American Bar Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado - 2011

**Featured Speaker:** “Strategies for Parenting Children through Family Disputes Seminar: STO Law – North Lakes, Queensland – 24 February 2010.

**Panel Presenter:** “Young People and Response Options to Challenging Behaviour” – Griffith University (Workforce Council) – 7 December 2009.

**Keynote Speaker:** Australasian Therapeutic Communities Association National Conference – Canberra: 13-18 September 2009.

**Featured Speaker:** “Everything You Need to Know about the Laws Governing the Education of Children with Special Needs”. Dade County Bar Association Juvenile Court Committee. Miami, Florida, June 15, 2007.

**Keynote Speaker:** National Youth Conference: “Are We There Yet?” Melbourne, Australia: 3 May 2007.

**Featured Speaker:** Hillsborough County Bar Association, Family Law Section Meeting, Tampa, Florida, March 21, 2007.

**Featured Speaker:Featured Speaker:** “Zero Tolerance in Schools and Students with Disabilities” Florida Bar Annual Meeting, Boca Raton, Florida, June, 2006.

**Featured Speaker:** “Celebrate, Don’t Medicate: How Psychiatric Diagnoses and Drugs are Hurting Queensland’s Children”. Sponsored by Youth Affairs Network of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia Multiple presentations statewide: 1-16 August 2005.

**Featured Speaker:** Roundtable Discussion: The Diagnosis of Children and Young People in Care with ADHD. Sponsored by Rights Australia and CREATE. Sydney, Australia: 15 August 2005.

## **PRESENTATIONS (Continued)**

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**Invited Speaker:** Australian Parliament- Senate Committee on Mental Health Canberra, Australia: 11 August 2005.

**Presenter:** The Improper Use of Seclusion and Restraints in Schools.  
The Florida Bar Public Interest Law Section. Key West, Florida: July 28, 2005

**Presenter:** "Gator Team Child: A Voice for Children in the Unified Family Court" Dependency Court Improvement Summit, November 18, 2004

**Speaker:** "Florida's Foster Children at Risk: The Overuse of Psychotropic Medication"  
Florida Bar Annual Meeting, Boca Raton, Florida: June 25, 2004

**Featured Speaker:** "'ADHD': Queensland Children at Risk".  
Sponsored by Youth Affairs Network of Queensland, Brisbane,  
Queensland, Australia Multiple presentations statewide: 1-11 June 2004.

**Keynote Speaker:** "Choices and Challenges in Shaping Our Future".  
State Youth Affairs Conference, Mackay, Queensland, 14-16 April 2003.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/RECOGNITION**

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**ALRC Advisory Committee:** Family & Relationships Services Australia  
March 2018

**Management Committee:** Youth Affairs Network of Queensland  
December 2009 – May 2010

**Board of Directors:** Florida's Children First!  
October 2006 – December 2008

**Member, State Advisory Committee:** Florida Department of Education,  
2006 – December 2008

**Children's Committee Chair/Member:** National Association for Rights, Protection and  
Advocacy (NARPA)  
2006 – November 2007

**Advisory Committee Member/Coordinator:** Florida's Children First!  
October 2003 – October 2006.

**National Steering Committee Member:** Amnesty International USA,  
Children's Rights Network  
May 2002 – May 2004

**Member:** Florida Legal Services Juvenile/Education Umbrella Group  
Psychotropic Drug Task Force  
November 2003 – December 2008

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/RECOGNITION (Continued)

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**Member:** National Association of Council for Children (NACC)  
2000 – 2007

**Editorial Advisory Board:** "Ethical Human Sciences and Services"  
Springer Publishing Company  
1998 - 2007

**Weekly Columnist** ("Parenting Q & A")  
Tampa Tribune  
1997 - 1999

**Southeast Regional Director**  
International Center for the Study of Psychiatry and Psychology  
1997 - 2001

**"Innovations in County Government Award"**  
National Association of Counties (NACO)  
For "Parenting with Dr. Bob" television program  
1996

**Media Presentations:** Numerous appearances on national and local television and radio, as well as newspaper interviews  
Australia 2002 – Present.

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Perfect Parents, Perfect Children: Changing the World by Celebrating our Perfection.** Joshua Books, 2010.

**Legal Strategies to Challenge Chemical Restraint of Children in Foster Care A Resource for Child Advocates in Florida:** available at  
<http://www.guardianadlitem.org/documents/LegalStrategiesttoChallengeChemicalRestraintofChildreninFosterCare.pdf>. Spring, 2006.

**The Myth of ADHD: Psychiatric Oppression of Children** in *Violations of Trust*. Ashgate Publishing, Hampshire, England, 2005.

**ADHD: Epidemic of a Phantom Disease** in *Nexus Magazine* Vol. 12, No. 2, February – March 2005

**Australian Children at Risk** in *Article 13: Law and Policy Journal of the National Children's and Youth Law Centre* September 2002, 6.

**Australian Children at Risk** in *New Transitions*, webjournal of Youth Affairs Network of Queensland available at  
[http://www.yanq.org.au/pdfs/new\\_Transitions\\_Vol9.pdf](http://www.yanq.org.au/pdfs/new_Transitions_Vol9.pdf).  
Vol. 9 No. 1, 2003

## **PUBLICATIONS (Continued)**

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**The Reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Act:** Karen R. Effrem,; Doretta Hegg, Grace Jackson and Bob Jacobs. *International Center for the Study of Psychiatry and Psychology* website, available at <http://www.icspp.org/positionpapers/idea.htm>. Fall 2002.

**A Double-blind Comparative Trial with Mianserin and Amitriptyline in Outpatients with Major Depressive Disorders:** John P. Feighner, Bob Jacobs, R.E. Jackson, *et al* (1983) *British Jour. Clin. Pharm*, 15, 227S-237S (1983)