

Lucas A. Klein, Ph.D.

Licensed Psychologist — Forensic & Clinical Psychology |

Psychoanalysis

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Dr. Klein is a forensic and clinical psychologist licensed in five states with over 15 years of experience conducting forensic evaluations. An APA trained clinician and Qualified Medical Examiner in California, he has evaluated several hundred individuals across civil, criminal, and administrative matters, including risk, trauma, capacity, and injury assessments for attorneys, courts, and state agencies. He has testified in Superior and Federal Courts and works with both plaintiff and defense counsel.

Areas of Forensic Evaluation

- Risk for Violence
- Sexual Abuse
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- General Psychological Damages
- Personality / Diagnostic Profiling
- Qualified Medical Evaluations (QME)
- Veterans Disability Ratings (DBQ)
- Psychoeducational Evaluations
- Substance Abuse
- Adoption Evaluations for Foreign Courts
- Testamentary Capacity
- Workplace Harassment
- Neurocognitive Evaluations
- Juvenile Forensic Evaluations & Competency
- Correctional

Licensure

California	Oregon	New York	Connecticut	Idaho
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Professional Experience

Qualified Medical Examiner, State of California

Aug 2025–Present

Conducts QME evaluations addressing the causal connection between workplace injuries and psychological impairment.

Licensed Psychologist, Private Practice

2012–Present

Forensic and clinical practice spanning psychoanalysis, individual psychotherapy (adolescents and adults), comprehensive personality testing, and supervision of psychology interns toward licensure. Forensic evaluation experience includes the areas listed above.

Assessment Team, Correctional/Forensic Psychologist, R.J. Donovan Correctional Facility

Sep 2013–Sep 2015

Conducted hundreds of forensic assessments of adult male inmates; contributed to placement and high-risk determinations. Advised correctional court.

Licensed Psychologist, Accurate Assessments of San Diego

Jul 2013–Feb 2014

Comprehensive, neurocognitive, and substance abuse psychological assessments.

Clinician II, Psychiatric Researcher, Institute of Living, Hartford Hospital *Jan–May 2013*
Hartford, CT. Adult inpatient psychiatric research examining systems dynamics related to hospital readmission.

Licensed Psychologist, Staltaro Psychological Services, LLC *Jan–May 2013*
East Hartford, CT. Court-ordered treatment; psychotherapy and psychological/neuropsychological assessment of children.

Early Clinical Training, San Diego, CA *2009–2012*
Psychological Assistant, 5th & Olive Psychologists (2009–2012); Post-Doctoral Fellow, The Winston School (2011–2012); Psychology Intern, San Diego Job Corps (2010–2011). Foundational training in psychotherapy, assessment, and crisis intervention with adolescent, young adult, and adult populations.

Education

Adult Psychoanalyst, San Diego Psychoanalytic Center, American Psychoanalytic Association *2015–2020*
Five-year post-licensure psychoanalytic training program.

Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, Alliant International University (California School of Professional Psychology, APA-accredited) *Sep 2011*
Magna Cum Laude. Dissertation: “The Relationship between Interpersonal Capacity Data on the Personality Assessment Inventory, the Rorschach, and the Quality of Object Relations Scale: A Validity Study” (Chair: Donald Viglione, Ph.D.).

B.A., Psychology, Siena College *May 2005*
Cum Laude.

Fellow, San Diego Psychoanalytic Society & Institute *2010*

Selected Publications & Presentations

- Klein, L., Viglione, D.V., & Pignolo, C. (in press). Developing and Validating a Global Interpersonal Problem Index for the Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI). *Journal of Personality Assessment*.
- Wisniowski, J., Woolley, S.B., Goethe, J.W., Klein, L., Szarek, B.L., & Pizzuto, B. Characteristics of Adult Psychiatric Patients Readmitted Within 30 Days After Psychiatric Hospitalization (APA poster presentation).
- “Multi-Method Assessment of Interpersonal Capacity,” Southern California Psychodynamic Research Convention, 2012 (paper presentation).
- “HIPAA Compliance in the Electronic Age,” faculty training, Alliant International University, 2014.
- American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work, San Antonio, TX, 2024 — Updates on the American Psychoanalytic Association, Holmes Report.

Member Organizations:

Member, APA

Visiting Fellow, Do No Harm Medicine *2024–Present*