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Dr. Jane K. McNaught is a licensed psychologist with more than four decades of experience in clinical and forensic psychology. Throughout her career, she has specialized in the diagnosis and treatment of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in civil, criminal, and family law contexts. Over her career, she has completed more than 1700 forensic evaluations and testified as an expert witness more than 500 times, including in state and federal courts as well as the U.S. Army and Navy.

EMPLOYMENT AND EXPERIENCE:

2021-present: *Clinical and Forensic Psychologist in Forensic Private Practice*

Full-time psychologist practicing Forensic Psychology, specializing in Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in civil, criminal, and family law cases.

1991-2020: *Clinical and Forensic Psychologist in Private Practice*

Full-time psychologist working in both the clinical and forensic area.

Clinical Practice: Treatment of adult and child victims of sexual, emotional and physical abuse; adults and children involved in high conflict divorce; children and adult clients experiencing depression and anxiety; and long- term therapy for adults attempting to overcome self-defeating patterns that have interfered with their overall satisfaction in relationships.

Forensic Practice: Specializing in forensic cases involving PTSD.

1984-1991: *Psychologist in Private Practice*

Center for Child and Behavior Therapy
430 Oak Grove, Suite 403
Minneapolis, MN 55403

Full-time psychologist working in both clinical and forensic areas. Performed forensic evaluations in civil, criminal, family, and juvenile cases within my areas of expertise.

Clinic practice specializing in the treatment of adults and children going through the process of divorce. Treatment of children and adults who were victims of sexual assault, including clergy and institutional abuse. Presented at national conferences on diagnosing and treating child sexual abuse. Involved at the county and state level addressing issues related to child sexual abuse and parenting plans for young children.

11/1980-1/1983: Psychologist in Private Practice

Michael Shea and Associates
Minneapolis, MN 55403
Supervisor: Michael Shea, Ph.D.

Full-time psychologist providing forensic and therapeutic services to children, adolescents, families, and adults. Practice included working with victims and families where incest or non-familial sexual abuse occurred, and providing divorce custody evaluations. Frequently testified as an expert witness in such matters. Participated in biweekly, multidisciplinary staff meetings while at Shea Clinic, in addition to receiving weekly supervision from Michael Shea, Ph.D.

1/1979 – 1/1981 Psychologist

Washington County Human Services
Woodbury, MN
Supervisor: Miriam Shark, Ph.D.

Part-time psychologist working approximately ten hours per week conducting therapy with children, adolescents, families, and adults regarding a variety of mental health issues, including sexual abuse and divorce. Performed psychological evaluations of children experiencing school or behavioral issues. Co-leader of a group for women who had been victims of incest. Frequently worked with the resident psychiatrist and other psychologists on staff as a co-therapist and participated in staff meetings.

9/1979 – 11/1980 Psychologist

School District 834
Stillwater, MN

Hired by the school district as a consultant for a self-contained program for emotionally disturbed children. Responsibilities included conducting extensive psychological assessments of prospective participants and assisting the classroom teacher in planning educational and behavioral interventions for such students. Held weekly groups with the children in this program and conducted parenting classes.

6/1977-8/1977 Johnson Institute

Minneapolis, MN

Attendance in a three-week seminar on chemical dependency counseling and the disease process. Attended a week's internship in the St. Mary's Chemical Dependency Treatment Program for Adolescents working in the areas of detoxification, treatment and aftercare.

9/1975 – 11/1978 School Psychologist

Anoka Hennepin School System
Anoka, MN

Full-time school psychologist hired to conduct evaluations of K-12 students regarding academic, behavioral and emotional concerns. Developed a special program for students with behavioral

disorders. Offered consultation to teachers on special populations, such as students with hearing impairment, mental retardation and behavioral disorders.

6/1975–8/1975

Intern

General Hospital
Child-Adolescent Unit
Minneapolis, MN
Supervisor: Ada Hegion, Ph.D.

Summer full-time internship under the direction of a clinical psychologist. Administered Objective and Projective personality testing, as well as assisting in child, family and group therapy.

9/1975-5/19/75

School Psychology Intern

Part-time internship under Dr. Leviton's supervision. Administered intellectual, personality and behavioral evaluations to students at the Junior and Senior high levels. Conducted short-term therapy with students and families. Also acted as a consultant to special education and classroom teachers in the areas of program development and behavioral interventions. Participated in a committee to evaluate the district-wide program for special education.

9/1972-5/1975

English Teacher Grades 7-12

Full-time teacher working with Junior and Senior High students.

LICENSES: Licensed Psychologist State of Minnesota 1984-present. MN license C1142

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND ORGANIZATIONS:

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC)

Minnesota Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

American Psychological Association

Division 41: American Law-Society

Division 56: Trauma Psychology

Minnesota Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Charter Member Minnesota

Invited Participant: Minnesota Permanent Families project, Supreme Court of

Minnesota, 1985

Advisory Committee, Hennepin County Attorney's Office, 1985

Children and the Law Education Committee, Hamline University, 1993

Children's Justice Act State Task Force, 1993

Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Task Force on Visitation; Child Development Expert, 1997

POST-DOCTORAL EDUCATIONAL EXPERINECES: (SELECTED EXPERIENCES, 2020-2025)

August 28, 2025 “Uses of Artificial Intelligence in Forensic Evaluation and Reports.” American Academy of Forensic Psychology.

August 15, 2025. “A New Way to Write Forensic Reports.” American Psychological Association Continuing Education.

August 1, 2025. “APA Issues First-Ever Guidelines for Practice with Men and Boys.” American Psychological Association Continuing Education.

July 20, 2025. “Three New APA Guidelines Broaden the View on Treating PTSD and Trama.” American t Association Continuing Education.

July 15, 2025. “Treating Patients with Borderline Personality Disorder.” American Psychological Association Continuing Education.

April 7, 2024 “Interviewing Children to Preserve Accurate Testimony.” American Academy of Forensic Psychology.

June 2, 2023 “The AFCC Guidelines on Parenting Plan Evaluations and APA Guidelines on Child Custody Evaluations.” Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC).

June 1, 2023 “Harm Reduction: Avoiding Anchoring Bias and Binary Approaches to Parent-Child Contact.” AFCC.

June 1, 2023 “Asking the Difficult Questions.” AFCC.

May 31, 2023 “Kayden’s Law Reframed.” AFCC.

May 30, 2023 “Focused Issues in Family Law Involving Families with Neurodiverse Children.” AFCC.

May 29, 2023 “Too Much Conflict, Not Enough Trust and Respect.” AFCC.

May 29, 2023 “Polarization in Intimate and Civil Life.” AFCC.

May 28, 2023 “Parent-Child Contact Problems: The Intersection of Policy and Practice.” AFCC.

August 27, 2022 “Neuroscience of Complex Trauma—Treatment Tools.” Mind Works Professional Education, online seminar.

August 27, 2022 “Buprenorphine-Naloxone.” (APA-approved online seminar).

August 28, 2022 “Motivational Interviewing.” (APA-approved online seminar).

August 28, 2022 “Preventing Sexual Harassment in the Workplace.” (APA-approved online seminar).

August 26, 2022 “Ethics and Boundary Issues.” (APA-approved online seminar).

April 8, 2022 “Psychological Evaluation of Causation and Damages in Personal Injury Cases.” American Academy of Forensic Psychology (AAFP).

April 10, 2022 “Effective Expert Testimony for Forensic Evaluation.” American Academy of Forensic Psychology (AAFP).

July 7, 2020 “Responding to Severe Parent-Child Rejection Cases Without a Parentectomy.” AFCC online seminar.

June 23, 2020 “Innovative Psychojudicial Responses to Resist-Refusal Cases.” AFCC online seminar.

November 8–10, 2018 AFCC 13th Symposium on Child Custody, Denver, CO.

INVITED SPEAKER:

1. McNaught, J., Newman, K. (2018) “Persuasion Skills and Techniques for Expert Witnesses.” Seminar presented for AFCC. Denver, CO.
2. McNaught, J. (2018) “Guardians: Addressing Resistant/Refusal and Parental Alienation.” Seminar presented for 2018 Minnesota Guardian ad Litem Training Institute. Minnesota.
3. McNaught, J., Debra M. Corhouse, Jill E. Coyle, & Kathryn A. Olson. (2017) “Warning Signs- See Something! Do So Something! Say Something!” Seminar presented for School Law Conference. Minneapolis, MN.
4. McNaught, J. (2016) “Persuasion Skills in Expert Testimony.” Seminar Presented at the 25th Anniversary National Expert Witness Conference. Seak Experts, Chicago, IL.
5. McNaught, J. (2013) “Overview & Analysis: Mental Health Issues and School Employees.” Seminar Presented for Minnesota Continuing Legal Education (CLE).
6. McNaught, J. (2012) “Neuroscience and Brain Trauma. Seminar.” Presented for Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Minnesota Chapter.
7. McNaught, J. & Schmidt, C. (2010) “Beyond the Insanity Defense: Psychology and Criminal Justice.” 45th Annual Criminal Justice Institute.
8. McNaught, J. (2009) “Expert Warfare in Child Abuse Accusations: Fighting Fire with Forensics.” Seminar Presented for Minnesota Continuing Legal Education (CLE).
9. McNaught, J. (2008) “Forensics of Psychological Injury.” Seminar presented for Minnesota Continuing Legal Education (CLE).
10. McNaught, J. (2008) “Saving the Baby and Preserving the Father-Child Relationship in Divorce.” Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Eighth International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluation.
11. McNaught, J. (2006) “Visitation Schedules for Young Children.” Seminar presented to the Hennepin County Bar Association, Minneapolis, MN.

12. McNaught, J. (2006) "Children's Developmental Needs at a Young Age: Parenting Schedules that Promote Having Those Needs Met." Presented to Minnesota CLE, Minneapolis, MN.
13. McNaught, J. (2004) "Psychological Testing and Evaluation." Seminar presented for the Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association, Minneapolis, MN.
14. McNaught Stageberg, J. (2001) "The Benefits of Psychological Evaluations in Cases Involving Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Chronic Pain, and the Emotional Impact of Injuries." Seminar presented for the Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association, Minneapolis, MN.
15. McNaught Stageberg, J. (1999) "Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Following Injury." Seminar presented for Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association, Minneapolis, MN.
16. McNaught Stageberg, J. (1998) "The Use of a Parenting Consultant in Custody Cases." Seminar presented for the Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, Minneapolis, MN.
17. McNaught Stageberg, J. (1997) "Obtaining Help in Facilitating a Parenting Schedule." Seminar presented for the Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, Minneapolis, MN.
18. McNaught Stageberg, J. (1997) "Visitation Issues in Juvenile Court and Family Court." Minnesota State Bar Association Convention, Minneapolis, MN.
19. McNaught Stageberg, J. (1996) "Domestic Violence: A Psychological Perspective." Seminar presented for the Minnesota Institute of Legal Association. Minneapolis, MN.
20. McNaught Stageberg, J. (1996) "Custody Modification Motions." Seminar presented for the Minnesota Law Center's Continuing Legal Education Seminars, Minneapolis, MN.
21. McNaught Stageberg, J. (1994 and 1995) "Interviewing Child Sexual Abuse Victims." Training seminar conducted for Corner House, Minneapolis, MN.
22. McNaught Stageberg, J. (1993) "Child Custody Evaluations." Minnesota Institute of Legal Education. Minneapolis, MN.
23. McNaught Stageberg, J. (1993) "How a Child Psychologist Can Assist Parties in Resolving Visitation and Custody Issues." Divorce with Dignity, Minnesota Institute for Legal Education.
24. McNaught Stageberg, J. (1992) "Divorce Custody Decisions: Making Sense out of Vague Standards for Custody." Presentation to the Minnesota State Bar Association, Minneapolis, MN.
25. McNaught Stageberg, J. (1992) "Quality of Life – Dealing with the Stresses of a Practice in Law." Presentation to the Bar Leadership Conference of the Minnesota State Bar Association, Minneapolis, MN.
26. McNaught Stageberg, J. (1992) "Individual Psychotherapy with Children of Battered Women." Presentation to the Domestic Abuse Project Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

27. McNaught Stageberg, J. (1992) "Primary vs. Psychological Parent: Making Sense Out of Vague Standards for Custody." Sixth Annual Conference on the Sexual Victimization of Children, Washington, D.C.
28. McNaught Stageberg, J. (1991) "Primary vs. Psychological Parent." Presentation to the Annual Conference of Judges, Minneapolis, MN.
29. McNaught Stageberg, J. (1991) "The Trial: Easing the Stress." Abermarle Mental Health Center. Edenton, NC.
30. McNaught Stageberg, J. (1991) "Primary vs. Psychological Parent." Presentation to Bar Association, Matrimonial Lawyers, Minneapolis, MN.
31. McNaught Stageberg, J. (1990) "Evaluating the Psychological vs. Primary Parent in Divorce Custody Proceeding." Presentation for the Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, Minneapolis, MN.
32. McNaught, J. (1990) "Symptoms and Indicators of Abuse in the Family: Recognizing the Problem." Minnesota Center for Corporate Responsibility, Minneapolis, MN.
33. McNaught, J. (1990) "Treatment of the Non-Offending Parent in the Incest Home." Somerset County Mental Health Coalition, Bridgewater, NJ.
34. McNaught, J. (1990) "Child Maltreatment: Facing the Issues." Presentation to the Center for Early Education and Development, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN.
35. McNaught, J. (1990) "Treatment with Children in Out-of-Home Settings and Treatment with the Non-Offending Parent." Presentations to the 1990 National Symposium on Child Victimization, Atlanta, GA.
36. McNaught, J. (1990) "Children's Memory of Abuse." Presentation to Continuing Legal and Judicial Education Seminar, Minneapolis, MN.
37. McNaught, J. (1990) "The Highly Traumatized Child and Treatment with the Non-Offending Parent." Presentations for the Annual Treatment Conference on Sexual Abuse, Hilton Head Island, SC.
38. McNaught, J. (1989) "The Psychologist as an Expert Witness and Treatment of the Sexually Abused Child Advanced Workshop." Presentations for the Annual Treatment Conference on Sexual Abuse, Hilton Head Island, SC.
39. McNaught, J. (1988) "Child Sexual Abuse." Presentation to the Metropolitan Training Co-op, Minneapolis, MN.
40. McNaught, J. (1988) "Child Sexual Abuse." Presentation to the Evidence Seminar, Hamline Law School, Minneapolis, MN.
41. Mc Naught, J. (1988) Participation in the Mock Trial, Minnesota Psychological Association Symposium on Law and Psychology, Minneapolis, MN.
42. McNaught, J. (1988) "After the Verdict/Absence of Verdict: Children and Families." Presentation for Project Impact. Fergus Falls and Mankato, MN.

43. McNaught, J. (1988) Fifth National Conference on Sexual Victimization of Children, Anaheim, CA.
44. McNaught, J. (1988) Presenter for Annual Treatment Conference on Sexual Abuse, Hilton Head Island, SC.
45. McNaught, J. (1987) "Understanding Child Development in the Context of the Legal System." Presentation for Impact Conference, Brainerd, MN.
46. McNaught, J. & Hewitt, S. (1987) "Sexually Abused Children: Patterns of School Services." Presentation for the National Association of School Psychologists Conference, New Orleans, LA.
47. McNaught, J. (1987) "Psychological Evaluation in Divorce Custody." Presentation for the Minnesota Trial Lawyers Seminar, Minneapolis, MN.
48. McNaught, J. (1987) Guest speaker, Aiken-Barnwell MHC's Annual Treatment Conference on Sexual Abuse, Hilton Head Island, SC.
49. McNaught, J. (1986) "Child Abuse with the Family." Presentation to the Attorney General's Task Force, St. Paul, MN.
50. McNaught, J. (1986) "Psychological Evaluation in the Assessment of the Credibility of Child Sexual Abuse Victims." Paper presented at the Fourth National Conference on the Sexual Victimization of Children, New Orleans, LA.
51. Hewitt, S, McNaught, J., Phipps-Yonas, S., & Price T. (1986) "Scott County, What Have We Learned?" Panel discussion at the Fourth Annual Conference on the Sexual Victimization of Children, New Orleans, LA.
52. McNaught, J. (1986) "Diagnosis and Treatment of the Sexually Abused Child." All-day conference for the Forsyth-Stokes Mental Health Center, Winston-Salem, NC.
53. McNaught, J. (1986) "Psychological Characteristics of Victims, Families, and Offenders." Presentation at the Minnesota County Attorney's Association, Minneapolis, MN.
54. McNaught, J. (1986) "The Effects of Domestic Violence on Children." Presentation at a workshop sponsored by the Domestic Abuse Project, Minneapolis, MN.
55. McNaught, J. (1986) "Diagnosis of the Sexually Abused Child." All-day workshops presented at the Annual Treatment Conference on Sexual Abuse, Hilton Head, Island, SC.
56. McNaught, J. (1985) "Sexual Assault: Rape, Incest, & Child Molestation." The Psychology of the Offender. Forensic Mental Health Associates, Minneapolis, MN.
57. McNaught, J. (1985) "Child Abuse and Neglect." Panel participant, Second International Behavioral Pediatrics Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
58. McNaught, J. (1985) "Identification and Treatment of Child Sexual Abuse." Upper Mississippi Mental Health Center, Bemidji, MN.
59. McNaught, J. (1985) "Identifying Child Abuse." Minnesota Elementary School

Principal's Association, Minneapolis, MN.

60. McNaught, J. (1985) "The Mandatory Reporting Act." Testimony to the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee, State of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN.
61. McNaught, J. (1984) "Therapeutic Techniques in the Treatment of Sexually Abused Child." The Fifth International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect, Montreal, QC.
62. McNaught, J. (1984) "Identification and Treatment of the Sexually Abused Child." Presentation to staff members of the Hennepin County Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN.
63. McNaught, J. (1984) "Stages and Strategies in Treatment of Sexually Abused Children." Paper presented at the Third National Conference on Sexual Victimization of Children, Arlington, VA.
64. McNaught, J. (1984) "Treatment of Child Sexual Abuse. Mental Health Grand Rounds." Children's Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN.
65. McNaught, J. (1984) "Identification and Treatment of Sexually Abused Child." Minneapolis Crisis Nursery, Minneapolis, MN.
66. McNaught, J. (1984) "Credibility of Child Witnesses in Child Sexual Abuse Cases." Young Lawyers Section Panel Discussion, Minneapolis, MN.
67. McNaught, J. (1984) "Child Victim/Witness and Sexual Assault." Presentation to the Office of the Hennepin County Attorney, Minneapolis, MN.
68. McNaught, J. (1983-1984) "Sexual Abuse Treatment and Services for Ethnic Populations." Trainer for ongoing nine-month program sponsored by the Minnesota Program for Victims of Sexual Assault, St. Paul, MN.
69. McNaught, J. (1983) "The Psychology of Child Abuse." Workshop for Minnesota County Attorney's Association Annual Meeting, Brooklyn Park, MN.
70. McNaught, J. (1983) "Expert Testimony: Mental Health and Legal Perspectives." Workshop conducted at the Earl Brown Continuing Education Center, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN.
71. McNaught, J. (1983) "Treating the Sexually Abused Child." Presentation to staff members Children's Residential Treatment Center, Abbott-Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis, MN.

MEDIA:

- McNaught, J. "Children and Divorce." WCCO Radio. Minneapolis, MN.
- McNaught Stageberg, J. "The Blended Family." KSTP-TV. St. Paul, MN.
- McNaught, J. (1988) "Children and Divorce." KSTP-TV, St. Paul, MN.
- McNaught, J. (1987) "The Challenges of Raising an Only Child." Guest speaker on KSTP-

TV, St. Paul, MN.

- McNaught, J. (1985) "The Sexually Abused Child: Emotional Damage." National Public Radio (NPR).

PUBLICATIONS:

- McNaught Stageberg, J. (1994) "How a Child Psychologist Can Assist Parties in Resolving Visitation and Custody Issues." *Minnesota Family Law Journal*. Minneapolis, MN.
- McNaught, J. (1989) "Treatment of Child Sexual Abuse." *Virginia Child Protection Newsletter*. Vol.29.

FORENSIC EXPERIENCE:

Civil Suits Involving Claims of Pain and Suffering, and Emotional Distress: I conduct evaluations of adults and children in civil suits where pain and suffering and emotional distress is alleged. And I have evaluated litigants involved in car accidents; litigants injured by physical and sexual assault; employment-related cases, including claims of harassment and discrimination; and alleged emotional trauma related to a wide variety of other physical injuries. Additionally, I have conducted evaluations in cases involving sexual assault by the clergy, as well as in suits where sexual abuse has occurred within the context of institutional settings, such as schools, hospitals and residential treatment centers.

Sexual Harassment, Gender Discrimination, and Age Discrimination: I perform independent psychological evaluations of individuals who allegedly are suffering from PTSD related to workplace sexual harassment, gender discrimination or age discrimination. These evaluations are conducted to determine the emotional effects of such discrimination or harassment on the alleged victim's functioning.

Criminal Law: I conduct court-ordered evaluations involving physical and sexual abuse. Also, I have completed evaluations for both the prosecution and defense in criminal cases involving the sexual misconduct of juveniles and adults. Further, I have been hired as an expert to evaluate adolescent and adult offenders related to mental health issues, which may have an impact on sentencing. I have also been hired as an expert by the U.S. Army and Navy in criminal cases involving Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). And I provide expert testimony regarding children's statements about alleged sexual abuse; standard of care in interviewing children; recantation; and delayed reporting.

Family Law: I have performed evaluations related to high conflict custody disputes involving alleged personality disorders and/or allegations of abuse to children and adults for over 35 years. Currently, I continue to critique other professionals' custody evaluations and act as an expert in post-decree disputes, visitation disputes, termination of parental rights, and parental capacity evaluations. I also provide coaching to individuals involved in custody disputes. In addition, I have frequently served as an expert in cases involving Factitious Disorder Imposed on Another; and have been Court-appointed as a Rule 706 Expert in high conflict custody cases.

Juvenile Court: I perform evaluations as well as providing expert testimony regarding juvenile offenders and victims in the areas of sexual, physical and emotional abuse.

Expert Witness: I have served as an expert witness in cases involving rape trauma, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, the reliability of adult and children's memory of abuse, high conflict custody evaluations, and resist refuse dynamics (formerly referred to as parental alienation).

Critiquing Other Professionals' Work: I frequently act as an expert witness, critiquing evaluations performed by other clinicians within my areas of expertise. I provide expert opinion regarding the forensic quality of such evaluations and the evaluator's adherence to the standards of care in the profession. I evaluate the reliability of alleged child and adult victims of sexual assault in the context of interviews with child sexual abuse victims. I have testified on the reliability of children's reports, the psychological effects of abuse, and recommendations for treatment.