

Psych Forensics 2025

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[Dr. McPherson] A forensic psychiatrist speaks truth to power in service of justice. Courts seek justice. Physicians look for scientific truths. Interpreting those scientific truths for the court is the task of the forensic psychiatrist.	Woman with a short darkish bob and glasses wearing a white doctor's coat (Dr. McPherson) in front of a purple backdrop with the L S U Health Shreveport gold and white logo staggered across it. Text: Pamela McPherson, M.D. Vice Chair, Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine
[Dr. Colon] This is not a treatment evaluation. It's been ordered by the court, it's been requested by the attorney, it's been requested by the administrative board. And their question is your capacity to do such and such. Are you disabled? Are you, unable to proceed to trial, or are you insane at the time of the crime? Are you unable to write a will for yourself? You're unable in general to take care of yourself, the interdiction process. So we don't render treatment plans as much as we render opinions about the question.	Heavyset man with graying short cropped beard wearing a white doctor's coat (Dr. Colon) in front of a purple backdrop with the L S U Health Shreveport gold and white logo staggered across it. Text: Marc A Colon, M.D. Director, Community Forensic Services
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[Dr. McPherson] At LSU Health Shreveport, forensic psychiatry fellows have the opportunity to work in multiple settings. They work with our district court. They work with our appellate court judge and our juvenile court as well. In addition, they treat persons at our Caddo Correctional Center and at Pine Crest Developmental Center.	Dr. McPherson addressing camera
[Dr. Colon] And they also get to participate in doing an actual forensic evaluation. From the beginnings of collecting and reading collateral information to doing the examination to writing the report and potentially testifying on it. We've kind of designated at least one day during the week that is devoted to child and adolescent psychiatric forensic training. One day a week devoted to developmental disability training and treatment. Child adolescent psychiatry and developmental disability psychiatry are both components of forensic psychiatry. And we provide training, in both of those fields. There is, some mornings when we're actively involved in treatment in a, parish correctional center. There's time for reading. There's time for research. And then there's, Friday, our grand rounds, and then our landmark case series.	Dr. Colon on camera
[Dr. McPherson] Local judges join us to explain legal aspects of the case and interested forensic psychiatrist in the community join us. So we have a robust discussion about these cases. We invite you to learn more about LSU Health Shreveport and our surrounding community. We have a robust academic faculty and exciting legal community who are here to help you in the next steps towards becoming a forensic psychiatrist.	Dr. McPherson on camera

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