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Leckart's Six Rules for Cross Examining Psychologists and Psychiatrists

In the last six months I have written six newsletters that summarize what I have called Leckart's Six Rules for cross-examining psychologists and psychiatrists. The information in those newsletters comes from two sources. The first is thirty years of practice in forensic psychology conducting evaluations of individuals who have workers' compensation or personal injury claims and/or litigations. During those thirty years I have read and critiqued thousands of reports from psychologists and psychiatrists. The second is my experiences in the last six years writing reports to assist attorneys in taking depositions of doctors who have written substantially flawed reports. Essentially, this part of my practice is based on the fact that attorneys are experts in the law, not psychology or psychiatry, and really do not know where all the report flaws can be found or what questions to ask the doctors that will expose those flaws.

For those of you who have not followed my six newsletters, here are the rules.

Browse Dr. Leckart's Book,
**Psychological Evaluations in
Litigation: A Practical Guide for
Attorneys and Insurance Adjusters**
at www.DrLeckartWETC.com

No matter where you are in the country, or for that matter in the world, as long as your report is in English, you can send it to me and I can provide you a critique of either the entire report or just the psychological testing.

Leckart's First Rule: Never ask the doctor about the patient, only ask about the contents of their report.

Leckart's Second Rule: Focus all of your questions on the doctor's diagnosis.

Leckart's Third Rule: Always determine if the doctor has taken a complete history of the patient's symptoms or complaints that supports their diagnosis.

Leckart's Fourth Rule: Always determine if the doctor has provided a credible patient history that supports their diagnosis.

Leckart's Fifth Rule: Always determine if the doctor has provided a credible report of their Mental Status Examination that supports their diagnosis.

Leckart's Sixth Rule: Always determine if the doctor has provided psychological testing data that supports their diagnosis.

Now, if you want to know the reasons for these rules and how to use them, you can go to the original newsletters at my website www.DrLeckartWETC.com, read my other 70+

newsletters and read and/or download a free copy of my book, Psychological Evaluations in Litigation: A Practical Guide for Attorney's and Insurance Adjusters. It's free help. Take it!

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