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Over the course of almost forty years, Dr. Kinscherff has served in positions including Senior Forensic Psychologist at the Boston Juvenile Court Clinic, the Director of Juvenile Court Clinic Services for the Massachusetts Trial Court with oversight of the statewide system of juvenile court clinics, Assistant Commissioner for Forensic Mental Health for the MA Department of Mental Health, and Forensic Examiner for the MA Parole Board. He was a contributing author for the science amicus brief submitted to the US Supreme Court by the American Psychological Association in the landmark case of *Roper v. Simmons* that barred execution for crimes committed under age 18. He continues to engage nationally and internationally in juvenile and criminal justice issues through research, teaching and consulting, and multidisciplinary professional development, amicus briefs, legislative testimony, and other activities. These have included training for the US State Department of judges in Morocco hearing juvenile and young adult cases, briefing state legislatures and courts on appellate on adolescent and young adult neurodevelopment, active participation in MacArthur Foundation Models for Change initiatives in juvenile justice in multiple states and tribal areas, participation in a White House Summit on Community Violence, ongoing participation in the Deferred Sentencing Program of the federal

court in Rhode Island, and ongoing participation in planning and as CLBB faculty for the annual joint *Science in the Courtroom* judicial training with the Federal Judicial Center and Harvard Law School. Over recent years, Dr. Kinscherff has participated in the instruction of Judge Nancy Gertner's course on Law and Neuroscience at Harvard Law School.

As a Fellow of the American Psychological Association, Dr. Kinscherff's service has included Chair of the Ethics Committee, Chair of the Committee on Legal Issues, Chair of the Working Group on Gun Violence Policy, and Chair of the Working Group on Juvenile Solitary Confinement. He has represented APA on joint projects with other organizations including Rand Corporation, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, American Public Health Association, SAMHSA, and OJJDP. His research and practice areas bring neuroscience and related behavioral sciences to policies and practices involving juvenile and adult offenders, post-*Miller* resentencing and parole cases, violence risk assessment and management, justice system reforms, gun violence policy, and the impact of adversities, resiliencies, and social determinants in development across the lifespan. He also has longstanding engagement in legal and ethical issues arising in clinical and forensic behavioral health practice. Dr. Kinscherff has published widely in these research and practice areas and his articles and chapters have been cited in professional literature from over 30 countries.