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## **Testifying in Juvenile Adult Cases: A Neuroscience and Psychosocial Development Framework**

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**Date:** August 1, 2023

**Time:** 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM ET (All times East Coast USA Local Time)

### **I. 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

- Introduction and overview
- Testifying as an expert
- Placing juveniles in adult court jurisdiction
- Reverse transfer hearing statute (with Colorado as an example)
- What is culpability?

### **II. 12:30 p.m. -12:45 p.m.**

- Break

### **III. 12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

- Assessment in juvenile justice systems
- Juveniles and the law
- Aspects of adolescent brain development relevant to court activity
- Juveniles as less capable of adult judgement
- Juvenile vulnerability to peer pressures and outside influences

### **IV. 2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

- Break

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**V. 2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

- Implications for court disposition
- Juveniles' capacities for change and reform
- Neuroplasticity
- Developmental taxonomies
- Crime trajectories across the life span
- Desistance and psychosocial maturity
- Discussion and Q&A

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