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MEDICO-LEGAL CURRICULUM VITAE

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Medico-legal work started in 1993

25 to 40 reports produced per year; 55% for Claimant, 25% for Defendant, 20% Joint

1 to 3 court attendances per year

Wait time for next medico-legal appointment is 4 to 21 days

Wait time from appointment to report is 7 to 14 days

Appointment locations are Hammersmith, W London and Wimbledon, SW London. Prison visits and home visits are undertaken.

Relevant information: I have had extensive experience providing opinions to the GMC, GOC, GDC, Medical Defence Societies, Police, Special Prosecutor's Office, Insurance companies, Local Authorities and in civil, criminal, employment and family cases.

I acted for the Claimant in the following leading cases:

Michalak -v- The Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust 2011 at the Employment Tribunal,
'Doctor is awarded £4.5m compensation for workplace discrimination trauma'
www.guardian.co.uk/.../doctor-awarded-compensation-trauma-work

Switalski -v- F & C Financial Management PLC. 2008/9 *'F&C Asset Management loses appeal against £19m discrimination and bullying claim. The Employment Appeal Tribunal (EAT) has ruled in favour of the City lawyer whose discrimination and bullying claim is worth £19m - the largest amount on record'* **newspaper report.**

Helen Green -v- DB Group Services (UK) Ltd, Court of Appeal – Queens Bench Division, August 2006 IRLR 764 [2006] EWHC 1898 (QB) England and Wales High Court of Justice Case number: TLQ/05/0753

I am past Professor and Head of the Department of Psychiatry, Imperial College London, past Chairman of the Association of Clinical Professors of Psychiatry, the Association of University Professors of Psychiatry, and the Psychiatric Section of the Royal Society of Medicine and the

Psychopharmacology subcommittee of the Royal College of Psychiatry.

I am actively publishing in scientific journals. I ran the Winter Workshop on Schizophrenia research until 2008. Research interests include stress related disorders, all psychoses, depression, anxiety disorders, chronic fatigue syndrome, and psychiatric treatment.

Special Interests: Personal injury, employment issues, fitness to plead, testamentary capacity and contested wills.

Qualified at: Johns Hopkins, Baltimore; Maudsley Hospital Institute of Psychiatry.

Qualifications: MD, BA, MPhil, FRCP, FRCPsych.

Medico-Legal training courses: Academy of Experts 2011, Bond Solon courses on writing reports, appearing in court, cross examination (2008); Academy of Experts courses on Expert determination and recent developments for Experts.

Updating: Regularly attend Medico-Legal conferences such as the Bond Solon or Institute of Expert Witnesses, and update courses. Actively involved in PDP/CPD and recognised under the Mental Health Act as an Approved Clinician. The annual Grange four-day residential Medico-Legal Expert Witness course.

Professional Affiliations: GMC No: 0359144. Listed with the Law Society and Directory of Expert Witnesses.

Memberships of other professional associations: Royal Society of Medicine, Royal College of Psychiatry, Royal College of Physicians, British Medical Association. Expert, Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL)

Present appointment: Hon. Consultant Psychiatrist and Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry – Imperial College Faculty of Medicine

Terms & Conditions: £300 per hour. Payment terms by arrangement. External visit fee of £1,250 per half day and £2,500 per full day. Court attendance at £2,500 per day. Cancellation fees for court beginning 4 to 6 weeks before case on sliding basis. VAT is applicable at the standard rate.

Special skills: General adult psychiatry and the psychiatric aspects of the following: Employment issues; Personal injury; Fitness to plead; Witness assessment and testamentary capacity; Medical competence and negligence; Medical malpractice and accidents; Insurance or insurability; Abnormal behaviour; Offender psychiatric assessment; Trauma assessment; Victims of accident, assault or crime; War veterans; PTSD/Post-traumatic stress disorder; Psychopathology and psychiatric disorders including neuroses, psychoses, anxiety disorders, bipolar, depression, and organic; Psychosomatic disorders and Munchausen; Personality disorders and psychoses; Violence, self-harm and suicide; Mental disorder; Psychiatry ethics, competence and misadventure; Chronic fatigue syndrome; Schizophrenia (including cognitive deficiency in elderly schizophrenics); Psychophysiology as applied to schizophrenia; Brain imaging research as applied to schizophrenia; Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) and post-viral fatigue; Dizziness, loss of consciousness, memory impairment and epilepsy; Psychopharmacology; Organic psychiatry.

Publications: I have over 300 scientific publications, nine additional in the last two years, including referred papers, abstracts, chapters in books and books edited and written. These are listed in my academic CV, which can be obtained on request.