

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

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Length: 4 hours

1 hour and 30 minutes

- 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?

1 hour and 15 minutes

- 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

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- 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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