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#### Abstract

During the last decade, neuropsychology has emerged as one of the fastest growing disciplines within clinical psychology. One of the most important roles for neuropsychologists is their contribution to the forensic sciences. The present paper reviews how lawyers may best utilize the services of clinical neuropsychologists. Suggestions are also offered to neuropsychologists on how better to meet the needs of lawyers. The following forensic science issues are discussed: the legal framework in which neuropsychologists function; contributions psychologists may make towards answering basic medicolegal questions such as the elucidation of the nature, extent, and duration of head injury sequelae; criteria for acceptable neuropsychological reports; medicolegal aspects of severe head injury, minor head injury (posttraumatic syndrome), and pseudo-head injury (malingering). There are many causes of damage to the nervous system (for example, industrial toxins and medical malpractice) that are eligible for compensation. Examples will be confined to head injury since the basic forensic science principles remain the same, whatever the etiology of such brain damage.

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forensic neuropsychology, an area that deals with determination of disability for legal purposes. Neuropsychology emerged in the twentieth century, combining theories based on anatomical observations of neurology with the techniques of psychology, including objective observation of behavior and the use of statistical analysis. What has the author A D Milner written? Richard I. Naugle has written: 'Introduction to clinical neuropsychology' -- subject(s): Case studies, Clinical neuropsychology, Diagnosis, Diagnostic imaging, Nervous System Diseases, Neurologic examination. Words that have neuro in them? Neurology Neuropathy Neuroplasticity Neuropsychology Neurosis Neurotic Neuroticism. View Forensic Neuropsychology Research Papers on Academia.edu for free. The practice of forensic neuropsychology can lead to many potential ethical dilemmas, including the request that a third party observer be present during an examination. Following a case example, we review relevant Ethical Standards from more. The practice of forensic neuropsychology can lead to many potential ethical dilemmas, including the request that a third party observer be present during an examination.

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