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Sexual Orientation Asylum Petitions: Challenges in Forensic Psychosocial Immigration Evaluations

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Asylum applications based on sexual orientation have risen in the United States and Canada in past decades. Here, attorney Mark Silver addresses the challenges of litigating an asylum petition based on sexual orientation and offers his insight as a clinical expert who evaluates claims of persecution and harm. With a specific focus on psychiatric issues, he also discusses how to balance the experiences of the applicant in his or her country of origin with the experiences as a new immigrant. By virtue of its sensitive nature, the sexual orientation asylum petition comes with challenges and obstacles that require particular attention by both the lawyer and clinician during the application process. Learning objectives:

I. The psychological, social, and community challenges faced by asylum petitioners (18 min.)
II. Comprehend the adversity facing these clients (10 min.)
III. Recognize potential psychiatric issues that may result from such persecution (15 min.)
IV. Identify proper evidence of persecution to support a petition for sexual orientation asylum (18 min.)

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