LexVid Services, Inc., Presents:

Presentence Investigation (PSI) Report Critique

Total: **70 Minutes**

Speaker: Mark S. Silver

A presentence investigation report (PSI) is a report compiled from a number of sources an evidence intended to paint a full picture of a defendant's history, mental health, financial condition, etc. It is intended to assist the court in fashioning fair sentences and aides the probation officer in supervising the offender.

More often than not, however, the PSI is incomplete, misleading, or otherwise inadequately prepared, and thus is not effective for mitigation purposes. This program takes in in-depth look at the common issues with PSIs and gives criminal defense attorneys the tools they need to create an effective PSI for their client. Topics include:

I. Introduction (5 min.)
II. Why this CLE is timely and important (5 min.)
III. What is the PSI (15 min.)
IV. What is missing from the PSI (20 min.)
V. Evaluation tools (15 min.)
VI. Mitigation challenges (10 min.)

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Meet the Lecturer(s)

Mark Silver

My name is MARK SOLOMON SILVER. I am a New York State Licensed Clinical Social Worker. I have a Combined Specialist Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Political Science from the University of Toronto and a Master of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Western Ontario. I have also completed a Master of Social Work at the University of Toronto, a post-graduate

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Certificate Program in Family Therapy at Smith College, and a Doctor of Psychology at the Southern California University for Professional Studies. In addition, I hold a Juris Doctor from the City University of New York, Queens College, and I am admitted to practice law in New York. I have published more than a dozen papers on forensic social work and mental health practice in criminal and immigration consultation for attorneys in various academic and practice journals, and I have lectured on various aspects of these subjects. I am the author of Handbook of Mitigation in Criminal and Immigration Forensics: Humanizing the Client Towards a Better Legal Outcome. Third Edition. (2011). For about the past ten years, I have worked as a consultant for law firms throughout the United States conducting psychosocial evaluations and writing formal reports in forensic and mitigation immigration and criminal cases. To date I have worked on more than 1200 such cases in forensic immigration and criminal practice and consultation. I have worked with clients from about forty countries throughout the world on various individual, family, and mental health issues related to criminal conduct and deportation. I have also provided expert testimony in several dozen of these cases.

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