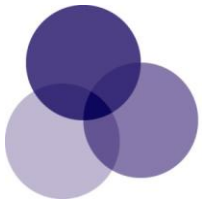


Tips, Tragedies and Triumphs

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Admit, deny

Bought expert

Degree of certainty

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Inexperience

Experience

Generalizability

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Changing your mind

Lying, faking

Research re: faking

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Collaborative criticism

Culturally different clients

Your role

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Examiner effects

Attacking profession
instead of you

Idealism hazard

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Intimidation

Bias

Push / pull agree more

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Power and Control process
by opposing counsel – time,
eye contact and gaze,
personal space

Direct service workers as
experts

Transformative moments

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Rumpelstiltskin

I don't know

Humor

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What to wear

Take water

Take notepad and
writing instrument

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Focus on someone in the courtroom

Bringing reports to court may be controversial

Invasive questions

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After it is over

Stumped

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Little rocks

Realize your contribution

– The previous 11 slides are from personal experience and the works of and training with Stanley Brodsky.

Tragedies and Triumphs



Tragedies

- ❖ Williamson County

- ❖ Beeville

- ❖ Wichita Falls

Triumphs

In testifying for 30 years:

- ❖ Only 3 acquittals
- ❖ Battered women say they did it
- ❖ Batterers deny it
 - Scott Peterson
 - Drew Peterson
 - OJ Simpson

Triumphs

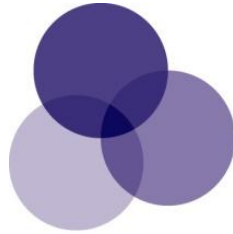
- ❖ Albuquerque

- ❖ Woodville

- ❖ Victoria

- ❖ San Antonio

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