

The WPA Forensic and Correctional Interest Section (FCIS) is comprised of psychologists who have a specialized professional interest and practice in the area of forensic psychology. This type of work routinely involves employment within a correctional facility and/or forensic hospital setting, as well as performing a variety of mental health evaluations designed to answer a narrowly focused psycholegal question for the Court. Such questions vary widely, but commonly include issues like competency to stand trial, mental responsibility (i.e. insanity defense), conditional release, sentencing issues, *Miranda* waivers, waivers between adult and juvenile justice systems, supervised release for sexually violent persons, fitness for duty, child-custody, disability determination, and protective guardianship/placement. The FCIS committee currently meets approximately once quarterly in the Milwaukee area. We are responsible for formulating and organizing an annual single-day conference providing Continuing Education credits to psychologists, and when possible, attorneys, on topics relating to forensic psychology. Our most recent conference featured Antionette Kavanaugh, Ph.D., ABPP. Her two-part presentation covered evaluations of juvenile defendants on the issues of waiver to adult jurisdictions and competency to waive *Miranda* rights. Next year's conference is presently in the initial planning stages and will likely feature a topic/presenter originating from suggestions provided by this year's conference attendees. We welcome any interested psychologists to become FCIS committee members.

Ways in which FCIS benefits WPA and its members:

- The committee provides an opportunity for psychologists in forensic practice to form professional relationships, including for consultation and referral purposes.
- The committee organizes an annual conference on a forensic psychology topic relevant to practice for which psychologists can earn continuing education credits.
- The annual conference further provides psychologists opportunity to network within a niche community that performs forensic work in all jurisdictions across the State of Wisconsin.