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EDUCATION

Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology (William James College) Boston, MA
Doctor of Psychology, Clinical Psychology, APA Accredited 2008 – 2013

Northeastern University School of Law Boston, MA
Juris Doctor 2015 – 2018
Activities: Northeastern University Law Review (Staff Member)

Michigan State University East Lansing, MI
Bachelor of Arts, *with honors*, Social Relations & Policy, James Madison College of Public Affairs 2004 – 2008
Bachelor of Arts, *with honors*, Psychology, College of Social Sciences 2004 – 2008

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

North Carolina, Licensed Psychologist, #4683 2014 – Present
Massachusetts, Licensed Psychologist, #10142 2015 – Present
Massachusetts, Attorney, #704169 2018 – Present
New Hampshire, Licensed Psychologist, #1454 2019 – Present

EMPLOYMENT

Harvard Medical School, Cambridge, MA 2023 – Present
Center for Law, Brain and Behavior
Project Director, Brain InCite NeuroLaw Library
Founding and directing the first Harvard-affiliated neurolaw library with a launch date of January 1, 2024. The InCite Library will provide resources and training for judges, attorneys, legislators, policy analysts, advocates, incarcerated individuals, students, and academics in four core areas: juvenile and emerging adult justice, the neuroscience of trauma, sentencing reform, and the aging brain. The first phase of the project will focus on juvenile and emerging adult justice.

Harvard Medical School/Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA 2021 – Present
Center for Law, Brain and Behavior & the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology and Bioethics
Senior Fellow in Law and Applied Neuroscience
Conducting research and publishing on family court and criminal court related topics. Organizing educational programming on juvenile justice, substance use disorders, neuroscience, and the intersection of science and the law.

Forensic Psychology Practice, Boston, MA 2014 – Present
Licensed Psychologist
Conduct forensic mental health evaluations, including criminal evaluations, child custody evaluations, psychological assessments, risk assessments, substance use evaluations, parole evaluations, delinquency evaluations, criminal responsibility evaluations, and competency to stand trial evaluations. Provide expert witness testimony. Perform ethics consultations. Invited to present regionally and nationally on psychology and law topics, including at events organized by the American Bar Association, the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, the American Psychiatric Association, the New York Office of Attorneys for Children, the Massachusetts Trial Courts, and the Federal Judicial Center. Board memberships include the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts and Massachusetts Chapter and MASOC. Past council member of the American Bar Association Family Law Section. Translational Science Consultant to the Center for Law, Brain and Behavior at Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Law School.

Norfolk County Juvenile Court Clinic, Dedham, MA 2017 – 2018
Court Clinician, Part Time

Conducted court-ordered evaluations of children and families before the juvenile court for Child Requiring Assistance (CRA) petitions, delinquency, and competence to stand trial, as well as emergency substance use evaluations.

FMRT (Law Enforcement Assessment), Wilmington, NC 2014 – 2015
Licensed Psychologist

Performed psychological evaluations of law enforcement, corrections, and criminal justice personnel, including pre-employment evaluations, fitness for duty evaluations, and crisis counseling.

Center of Excellence for Children, Families and the Law, Boston, MA 2013 – 2014
Postdoctoral Fellow

Completed high-conflict custody evaluations with deposition and court testimony. Supervised and trained by Robin Deutsch, Ph.D., and the Hon. Christina Harms (ret.), who provided feedback on all court-ordered evaluations, depositions, and court testimony. Coordinated Boston-area pilot program for homeless children and parents.

PRESENTATIONS AND TRAINING

Tabashneck S. (2023, May). Substance use disorders, parenting, and family court. Judicial Institute. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Los Angeles, CA.

Tabashneck S. (2023, May). Substance use and supervised parenting time: Managing complicated cases involving substance use. Supervised Visitation Network. Los Angeles, CA.

Tabashneck S. (2023, May). The neuroscience of adolescence and emerging adulthood: How is the teenage and young adult brain different from the adult brain, and why does it matter? Flaschner Judicial Institute/Center for Law, Brain, and Behavior/Harvard Medical School.

Tabashneck S. (2023, May). Assessment and management of risk of harm to self and others, the role of substance use, managing intoxicated presentations to treatment, and understanding and filing a section 35. William James College. Virtual.

Tabashneck S., Sandman, K., & Wynder, J. (2023, April). Substance misuse. Massachusetts Family Court Judicial Conference. Gloucester, MA.

Hurd, Y. & **Tabashneck S.** (2023, April). Neuroscience and cannabis: Implications for law and policy. Center for Law, Brain and Behavior/Harvard Medical School & Petrie-Flom Center/Harvard Law School. Virtual.

Tabashneck, S. (2023, January). Substance misuse. Advanced child custody training. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Virtual.

Tabashneck, S. & Fidnick, L. (2022, November). Neuroscience and family courts. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Las Vegas, NV.

Tabashneck, S. (2022, November). Advanced guardian ad litem training. Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education. Boston, MA. Virtual.

Somerville, L. & **Tabashneck, S.** (2022, October). Life Sentences for children?: The neuroscientific basis for limitations on harsh sentencing. Center for Law, Brain and Behavior. Harvard Medical School. Cambridge, MA. Virtual.

Tabashneck, S. (2022, August). Ethics hot topics. American Psychological Association Annual Conference. Minneapolis, MN.

Tabashneck, S. (2022, August). Substance use, parenting, and the courts. Plenary at the Missouri Bar Association. Branson, MO. Virtual.

Tabashneck, S. (2022, September). Substance use and family court litigation. Utah State Judges Conference. Salt Lake City, UT. Virtual

Tabashneck, S. (2022, September). Drugs, alcohol, and family court: Science-informed responses to allegations of substance misuse. Florida Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Orlando, FL.

Tabashneck, S. & Soilson, J. (2022, May), Substance use and family court litigation. Presentation at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Conference. Chicago, IL.

Tabashneck, S. (2022, April). Substance use, addiction, and the courts. Plenary at the Alaska Magistrate Judges Conference. Anchorage, AK.

Hurd, Y. & **Tabashneck S.** (2022, April). Neuroscience and cannabis: Implications for law and policy. Center for Law, Brain and Behavior/Harvard Medical School & Petrie-Flom Center/Harvard Law School. Virtual.

Newman-Polk, L., Walley, A., & **Tabashneck, S.** (2022, March). The criminalization of addiction: Law, medicine, and future directions. Presentation at the Center for Law, Brain and Behavior at Harvard Medical School. Virtual.

Paymer, S. & **Tabashneck, S.** (2022, March). Substance use, parenting plans, and family court. Presentation at the Massachusetts Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Virtual.

Crawford, B., Schiff, D., & **Tabashneck, S.** (2022, February). Families, substance use disorder, and the courts: Is compassion consistent with accountability? Presentation at the Center for Law, Brain and Behavior at Harvard Medical School. Virtual.

Paymer, S. & **Tabashneck, S.** (2022, February). Drug testing and family court. Presentation at the Massachusetts Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Virtual.

Blitzman, J., Chester L., & **Tabashneck, S.** (2022, February). Neuroscience and criminal law: The post-Jones landscape for late adolescents and emerging adults. Presentation at the Center for Law, Brain and Behavior at Harvard Medical School. Virtual.

Paymer, S. & **Tabashneck, S.** (2022, January). Alcohol testing and family court. Presentation at the Massachusetts Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Virtual.

Tabashneck, S. (2021, December). Substance use, misuse, and abuse: Contemporary challenges for family court. Keynote at the Kids First Center's Professional Annual Conference. Virtual.

Adams, K., **Tabashneck, S.**, & Beck, C. (2021, November). Alcohol Use Disorder. National Council for Family and Juvenile Court Judges. Webinar.

Tabashneck, S. & Soilson, J. (2021, November). Substance use and parenting: Best practices for family court practitioners. Presentation at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Conference. Cincinnati, OH.

Levitt, M., **Tabashneck, S.**, & Ritter, T. (2021, October). Introductory Training for Category E & Category F GALs. Panel at MCLE. Virtual

Tabashneck, S. & Soilson, J. (2021, September). Flying high: Substance misuse, parenting, and family court. Presentation at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts and American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Virtual.

Tabashneck, S. (2021, September). High conflict divorce and child custody. Presentation at the APA Consortium, William James College. Virtual.

Tabashneck, S. (2021, August), Navigating the opioid problem in child welfare cases: Practical tips for social workers, GALs, parent counsel, and judges. Presentation at the Hawaii Annual Child Welfare Law. Virtual.

Tabashneck, S. (2021, August). Section 35, assessment and management of risk in cases involving substance use. Presentation at the APA Consortium, William James College. Virtual.

Gonzalez, R., **Tabashneck, S.**, Jones, A., & Garber, B. (2021, June). Substance misuse and family court: Responding to critical family issues. Institute at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Virtual.

Judge, A. & **Tabashneck, S.** (2021, June). Navigating the opioid crisis in family court: Practical tips for attorneys and judges. Presentation at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Virtual.

Klovee, R., Soilson, J., & **Tabashneck, S.** (2021, June). Drugs, drama and divorce: Substance use, parenting, and family court. Annual Family Law Conference. Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education. Virtual.

Tabashneck, S. (2021, May). Science-infused responses to cases with substance use dynamics. Presentation at the Massachusetts Collaborative Law Center. Virtual.

Novitch, N., **Tabashneck, S.**, & Pelusi, T. (2021, April). Sexts, texts, and tweets: The use and misuse of social media and electronic information in family law disputes. Panel at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts - Massachusetts Annual conference. Virtual.

Tabashneck, S. (2021, January) Addiction, neuroscience, and the court. Presentation at United States District Court, Northern District of California. Webinar.

Tabashneck, S. (2020, November). Trauma informed family court: Strategies for working with juveniles & families. Presentation at conference New Hampshire Judicial Counsel and Warren B. Rudman Center, Concord, NH, Webinar.

Greenwald O'Brien, J. & **Tabashneck, S.** (2020, October). Interviewing for the Category E & F GAL. Presentation at MCLE Introductory Training for Category E & Category F GALs. Virtual.

Tabashneck, S. (2020, October). The opioid epidemic and family courts. Presentation at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts – Ontario Chapter, Toronto, Canada, Webinar.

Tabashneck, S. (2020, July). The opioid epidemic and family courts. Presentation for the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Webinar.

Tabashneck, S. (2020, January). High conflict divorce and child custody. Presentation at the APA Consortium, William James College, Newton, MA.

Tabashneck, S. (2019, October). Substance Use Disorders and the science of addiction. Presentation at the Alaska Judicial Conference, Anchorage, AK.

Tabashneck, S. & Judge, A. (2019, October). Trauma informed legal advocacy: Representing clients affected by trauma. Presentation at Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA.

Kelley, E., **Tabashneck, S.**, Johnson J., Drogin, E., & Dlugacz, H. (2019, October). The intersection of the criminal justice system and people with mental disabilities: Are we all speaking in different tongues? Panel at the American Psychiatric Association Mental Health Services Conference, New York, NY.

Tabashneck, S. (2019, June). The opioid epidemic and family courts. Presentation at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts –Annual Conference, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Tabashneck, S. (2019, April). Mental health issues that impact parenting. Seminar at the State of New York Office of Attorneys for Children, New York.

Tabashneck, S. & Green, J. (2019, April). Sexual misconduct on campus: Title IX, due process, and case law. Presentation at the MASOC/MATSA Joint Conference, Marlborough, MA.

Carey, P. & **Tabashneck, S.** (2019, January). Trauma and substance use disorders: Implications for family court. Presentation at the Massachusetts Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Worcester, MA.

Tabashneck, S. (2019, January). The neurobiology of substance use disorders, parenting, and child custody litigation. Presentation at the Cape and Islands Regional Domestic Violence Council, Barnstable, MA.

Tabashneck, S. (2018, November). Psychological impact of opioid addiction on the family. Seminar at the State of New York Office of Attorneys for Children, New York.

Tabashneck, S. (2018, November). A pathway for litigation and resolution in matters involving addiction. Panel at the Massachusetts Bar Association Annual Family Law Conference, Chatham, MA.

Tabashneck, S. & Duffly, F. (2018, June). The opioid crisis, parental addiction, and the courts. Presentation at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Washington, D.C.

Tabashneck, S. (2018, April). Sex offender policy at home and abroad. Presentation at the MASOC/MATSA Joint Conference, Marlborough, MA.

Harris, L., **Tabashneck, S.**, Barney, T., Crabtree, R., & DiMeglio, C. (2018, April). Effective advocacy: Navigating client relationships with an understanding of mental health. Panel at Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA.

Tabashneck, S. & Kinscherff, R. (2018, March). Strategies for working with individuals with mental illness, Presentation for the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office and Committee for Public Counsel Services, Boston, MA.

Edersheim, J., Kinscherff, R., & **Tabashneck, S.** (2018, November). Grand rounds for judges: Mental health issues in criminal cases. Presentation for Flaschner Judicial Institute and the Judicial Institute at the Judicial Institute in Worcester, MA.

Kinscherff, R. & **Tabashneck, S.** (2018, January – March). *Certificate Course in Mental Health and Juvenile Justice*, William James College, Newton, MA.

Tabashneck, S. (2018, January). *Law, Mental Health, and Professional Ethics*, Invited Lecturer, Boston Vet Center, Boston, MA

Tabashneck, S., Lehrmann, D., & Brandt, J. (2017, October). Judiciary bias inside and outside the courtroom. Panel at the American Bar Association Family Law Section Fall Conference, Beaver Creek, CO.

Tabashneck, S. (2017, November). *Psychological Assessment*, Invited Lecturer Lynn Community Health Center, Lynn, MA.

Kinscherff, R. & **Tabashneck, S.** (2017, July). Structured clinical decision making: Implications for practice. Presentation at Federal Judicial Center Conference, Tailoring Justice: Science-informed decision making, Harvard Law School, Boston, MA.

Kinscherff, R. & **Tabashneck, S.** (2017, March – April). *Certificate Course in Mental Health and Juvenile Justice*, William James College, Newton, MA.

Tabashneck, S. (2016, 2017). *Art for Educators* (Instructor: Deborah Baldizar), Invited Guest Lecturer, Lasell College, Newton, MA.

Tabashneck, S. (2017, 2018). *Law and Mental Health* (Instructor: Robert Kinscherff), Invited Guest Lecturer, William James College, Newton, MA.

Tabashneck, S. (2016, 2017). *Child and Family Forensics* (Instructor: Robert Kinscherff), Invited Guest Lecturer, William James College, Newton, MA.

Tabashneck, S. (2015, June; 2015, May). Bolstering child resilience in divorce, Presentation at New Hanover Family Court, Wilmington, MA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

<i>Law and Mental Health</i> , William James College, Co-instructor Robert Kinscherff	Spring 2022, Spring 2023
<i>Children, Families, and the Law</i> , William James College, Co-instructor Robert Kinscherff	Fall 2022
<i>Ecology of Child Behavioral Health</i> , William James College, Co-instructor Robert Kinscherff	Summer 2022

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

<i>Translational Science Consultant</i> , Center for Law, Brain and Behavior at MGH/Harvard	2020 – Present
<i>Research Consultant</i> , Justice Resource Institute/William James College	2016
<i>Research Consultant</i> , National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice	2015

PUBLICATIONS

Tabashneck, S. Drozd, L., & Soilson, J. (in press). Substance use and alternative dispute resolution. Salem, P. & Olson, K. *The family dispute resolution handbook*. Oxford, UK: University Press.

Tabashneck, S., Crawford, B., & Kinscherff, R. (in press). Decision-making in contested divorce and child custody cases. Cambridge, U.K: Cambridge University Press.

Tabashneck, S. (In preparation). An assault on *Miranda*: The interrogation of children and the failure of the interested adult doctrine.

Insel C., **Tabashneck, S.,** Shen, F.X., Edersheim, J.G., & Kinscherff, R.T. (2022). White Paper on the Science of Late Adolescence: A Guide for Judges, Attorneys, and Policy Makers. Center for Law, Brain, & Behavior.

Tabashneck, S. (Ed) (2021). *Substance use and parenting: Best practices for family court practitioners*. Boston: Massachusetts Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

Adam, K., & **Tabashneck, S.** (2021). *Alcohol Use Disorder bench card*. National Council for Family and Juvenile Court Judges.

Tabashneck, S. (2021). Parental substance use disorder and child development. Tabashneck, S. (Ed). *Substance use and parenting: Best practices for family court practitioners*. Boston: Massachusetts Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

Potee, R. & **Tabashneck, S.** (2021). Medication-assisted treatment. Tabashneck, S. (Ed). *Substance use and parenting: Best practices for family court practitioners*. Boston: Massachusetts Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

Douglas, J. & **Tabashneck, S.** (2021). Supervised visitation for substance misusing parents. Tabashneck, S. (Ed). *Substance use and parenting: Best practices for family court practitioners*. Boston: Massachusetts Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

Tabashneck, S., & Judge, A. M. (2021). Evaluating LGBT individuals who have committed sexual offenses. Saleh, F., Bradford, J., & Brodsky D. (Eds). *Sex offenders: Identification, risk assessment, treatment, and legal issues* (2nd ed.) Oxford University Press.

Tabashneck, S. (2019). Family drug courts: Combatting the opioid epidemic. *Family Law Quarterly*, 52(1), 183-202.

Tabashneck, S. (2018). "Raise the Age" legislation: Developmentally tailored justice. American Bar Association. *Criminal Justice*, 34(4), 13-19.

Tabashneck, S. (2018). Juvenile sexual misconduct: Special considerations for youth with mental health issues and neurodevelopmental disabilities. In *Representing people with mental disabilities: A practical guide for criminal defense lawyers*. American Bar Association.

PSYCHOLOGY/POLICY TRAINING

Center of Excellence for Children, Families, and the Law (Postdoctoral Fellow)	2013 – 2014
Spring Grove State Hospital (Intern – APA Accredited)	2012 – 2013
Eleanor Rosenblum Fellowship in Advocacy and Public Policy (Fellow)	2011 – 2012
Lemuel Shattuck State Hospital (Practicum)	2011 – 2012
Boston Juvenile Court Clinic (Practicum)	2010 – 2011

LEGAL TRAINING

Kotin, Crabtree & Strong Spring 2018
Legal Intern

Drafted hearing requests for special education matters; conducted plaintiff interviews for lawsuit against a therapeutic residential school alleging improper use of physical restraints, abuse, and neglect.

Center for Law, Brain and Behavior at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA Winter 2017
Legal Intern

Conducted legal research on neuroscience and social science issues, including implicit bias, the interrogation of juvenile defendants and the 'Interested Adult' rule, self-desistence, gun violence, and mass shootings.

Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, Boston, MA

Spring 2017

Judicial Intern for Chief Justice Ralph D. Gants

Conducted legal research on appellate matters including juvenile justice issues, felony murder, and the detaining of undocumented immigrants.

U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, Boston, MA

Fall 2016

Judicial Intern for Chief Justice Patti B. Saris

Researched and drafted memoranda, orders, and jury instructions, including a bench memorandum on a motion to dismiss a First Amendment challenge to a state wiretap statute.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Psychological Association, Ethics Committee

2021 – Present

Massachusetts Association of Family and Conciliation Court, President-Elect

2013 – Present

MASOC, Board Member

2013 – Present

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Conference and Continuing Ed. Committees

2013 – Present

American Bar Association – Family Law Section, Council Member, 2016 – 2018

2016 – 2019

American Bar Association – Criminal Justice Section, Juvenile Justice Committee Member)

2017 – 2019