Osnat Persky

Curriculum Vitae

**Academic Affiliation Residence**

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## Law License, Bar Admissions

## New York State Bar, Third Department 11/2008 – present

## Israel Bar Association 5/2002-8/2004

## Education

**Graduate Student, Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology**

Palo Alto University, Pacific Graduate School of Psychology, Palo Alto, CA (APA Accredited) 9/2015-present

**Master of arts in law and diplomacy,** Tufts University The Fletcher School, Medford, MA 9/2005-5/2007

**Bachelor of law (ll.b),** Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Faculty of Law, Jerusalem, Israel 9/1998-2/2002

## Clinical Experience

**The Gronowski Center,** Student-therapist, Los Altos, CA 6/2016 – Present

* Provide individual psychotherapy services to diverse clients, such as adults, youth and couples
* Use of various empirically-supported methodologies in treatment of clients
* Address various diagnoses such as depression, anxiety, OCD, ADHD, and more
* Administer assessments, such as Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA), and Hopkins Adult Reading Test (HART)
* Evaluate self-report measures, such as Personality Assessment Screener (PAS), Dyadic Adjustment Scale (DAS), and Depression Anxiety Stress Scale (DASS)
* Attend training practicums and participate in weekly group and individual supervision.

*Supervisor: Jonathan Peretz, Ph.D*

## Relevant Experience

**Social And Personality Psychology Course,** Teaching Assistant, Palo Alto University, Palo Alto, CA 4/2017-Present

* Created and presented class lecture and discussion on racial bias in the U.S. jury system
* Responsible for grading papers and exams and providing individual feedbacks

**Clinical Interviewing Course,** Teaching Assistant, Palo Alto University, Palo Alto, CA 1/2017-3/2017

* Perform weekly academic tutoring on issues of clinical interviewing to a group of seven graduate students
* Created and presented class lecture and discussion on issue of confidentiality in therapy
* Responsible for grading assignments and exams and providing individual feedbacks

**Brafman & Associates, P.C.,** Criminal Defense Attorney, New York, NY 3/2009 – 3/2013

* Managed over 50 complex and high stake criminal litigation cases, including several high profile cases, assisting with research, client management, trials, negotiations and legal correspondence
* Conducted extensive interviews with clients, potential witnesses and experts
* Established trusted relationships with dozens of clients effectively managing expectations, evaluating alternatives and advising on recommended strategies – recognized for ability to provide direct and compelling guidance
* Assisted in high pressured negotiations with prosecutors and government offices, including the U.S. Attorney’s Office, District Attorney’s Office, SEC and FBI, successfully reducing incarceration and identifying alternative sentencing options for clients who faced incarceration
* Visited imprisoned clients in Federal and State prison facilities multiple times
* Researched and wrote hundreds of persuasive documents, including sentencing memoranda, court submissions and ‘storytelling’, significantly influencing client outcomes, including dropped state criminal charges against several clients

**SightSpan**, Legal Consultant, New York, NY 5/2008-12/2008

* Pitched compelling article concept directly to John Walsh, CEO earning sponsorship to research and write article on anti-money laundering aspects of human trafficking
* Co-wrote “What You Need to Know about Human Trafficking in East Asia & Pacific” published in the Nov/Dec 2008 issue of ACAMS TODAY reaching over 10K professionals in 140 countries

**District Attorney’s Office**, Assistant District Attorney – Criminal Division, Haifa, Israel 3/2003-8/2004

* Prosecuted over 100 white collar, street crime and domestic violence cases appearing before both trial and appellate courts
* Entrusted early in career with significant responsibilities, including management of complex embezzlement, tax fraud, bribery and murder cases – independently argued criminal cases at trial court as an intern

## Research Experience

**Risk and Resilience Research Lab,** Graduate Research Assistant, Palo Alto University, Palo Alto, CA 4/2016 – Present

* Research the intersection between trauma and forensic psychology, specifically PTSD within the forensic context of criminal litigation
* Research the intersection between law and psychology through relevant policies of state and federal institutions overseeing older-adult victims of financial fraud.
* Author blogs, manuscripts and poster presentations that further contribute to the field of trauma and forensic psychology research

*Research Advisor: Lisa M. Brown, Ph.D.*

**United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, Codification Division**, Research Associate, New York, NY 5/2006-8/2006

* Researched and documented legal status of UN aid operations in countries impacted by natural disasters identifying legal gaps impeding recovery efforts
* Wrote and presented 80-page final report, identifying major legal obstacles in UN’s aid operations following natural disasters, which was used at UN meetings

## Military Service

**Israel defense force (idf)**, Givati brigade, Combat Fitness Instructor, Israel 12/1994-9/1996

## Research Presentations

**Lupesko-Persky, O.**, Kok, B. C., Lepovic, E., Wickham, R. E., Brown L. M. (August, 2017)

The Correlation between Depressive Symptoms and Intermittent Explosive Disorder among Active Duty Service Members Serving in Combat Zones. Poster to be presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, August 2017

## Lecture Presentations

**Lupesko-Persky, O.,** (January, 2017) Confidentiality, Psychology and the Law. Clinical Interviewing Course, Palo Alto University

**Lupesko-Persky, O.,** (May, 2017) Jury System Mirroring Race Relations in the U.S. Social and Personality Psychology Course, Palo Alto University

## Publication

**Professional journal articles**

Lupesko-Persky, O., & Brown, L. M. (March, 2017) Elder Financial Abuse is Here to Stay and It’s Time We Do Something About It. American Psychological Association Blog; Retrieved from

https://psychologybenefits.org/2017/03/23/elder-financial-abuse-is-here-to-stay-and-its-time-we-do-something-about-it/

Walsh J. & L. Persky O. (2008). What You Need to Know about Human Trafficking in East Asia & Pacific. *ACAMS TODAY* (Nov/Dec 2008), p. 16-18. Available at -

http://community.acams.org/HigherLogic/System/DownloadDocumentFile.ashx?DocumentFileKey=229bc41e-9b19-43c7-8973-71306e1b8eb5

## Fellowship

**Garry and dana shapiro student fellowship recipient –** Palo Alto University, Palo Alto, 3/2016

## Volunteer work

**American Psychology – Law Society (Division 41),** Campus Representative 11/2016-Present

* Facilitate communication among the Student Committee Executive Cabinet, professional AP-LS members, and AP-LS student affiliates

## Professional Affiliations

**American Psychological Association**, student affiliate1/2017 - Present

**American Psychology Law Society (apa division 41)**, student affiliate5/2016 - Present

## References

* Jonathan Peretz, Psy.D., Supervisor, Clinical Faculty, Palo Alto University, [jperetz@paloaltou.edu](mailto:jperetz@paloaltou.edu)
* Lisa Brown, Ph.D., ABPP, Research Advisor, Professor, Director of Trauma Program, Palo Alto University, [lbrown@paloaltou.edu](mailto:lbrown@paloaltou.edu)
* Alinne Barrera, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Palo Alto University, [abarrera@paloaltou.edu](mailto:abarrera@paloaltou.edu)
* Marc Agnifilo, Esq. Senior Trial Counsel, Brafman & Associates, New York, NY, [magnifilo@braflaw.com](mailto:magnifilo@braflaw.com)