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Myrna is a Métis-Cree mother and grandmother from Treaty Six territory (Green Lake & Waterhen Lake First Nation). She is the host of “The Trauma-Informed Lawyer” Podcast. Myrna acknowledges that it is Indigenous people and survivors of sexual violence who transformed her into the trauma-informed lawyer she is today. Myrna educates via her podcast on trauma-informed lawyering, cultural humility, vicarious trauma + resilience and Indigenous intergenerational trauma. She also educates through keynotes, training sessions and lunch and learn lectures. Myrna also offers one-on-one customized trauma-informed lawyering training and coaching sessions for legal professionals. Myrna practices human rights law, criminal law and conducts workplace investigations into sexual misconduct, human rights and bullying & harassment complaints.

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David is Professor of Law at the University of Puerto Rico in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Distinguished Research Professor of Law, Rogers College of Law, Tucson, Arizona. He is an Honorary President of the International Society for Therapeutic Jurisprudence.

His books include **Rehabilitating Lawyers: Principles of Therapeutic Jurisprudence for Criminal Law Practice** (Carolina Academic Press 2008); **Judging in a Therapeutic Key: Therapeutic Jurisprudence and the Courts** (with Bruce J. Winick) (Carolina Academic Press 2003); **Practicing Therapeutic Jurisprudence: Law as a Helping Profession** (with Dennis P. Stolle and Bruce J. Winick) (Carolina Academic Press 2000); **Law in a Therapeutic Key: Developments in Therapeutic Jurisprudence** (with Bruce J. Winick) (Carolina Academic Press 1996); **Essays in Therapeutic**

Jurisprudence (with Bruce J. Winick) (Carolina Academic Press 1991); **Therapeutic Jurisprudence: The Law as a Therapeutic Agent** (Carolina Academic Press 1990); and **Mental Health Law: Major Issues** (Plenum Press 1981). He received the American Psychiatric Association's Manfred S. Guttmacher Forensic Psychiatry Award; chaired the American Bar Association's Commission on Mental Disability and the Law; the Association of American Law Schools

Section on Law and Mental Disability; the Advisory Board of the National Center for State Courts' Institute on Mental Disability and Law; was a member of the Panel on Legal Issues of the President's Commission on Mental Health and the National Commission on the Insanity Defense; served as Vice President of the International Academy of Law and Mental Health; received the New York University School of Law Distinguished Alumnus Legal Scholarship/Teaching Award; received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Center for State Courts; and served as a member of the MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Mental Health and the Law. David has been named an Honorary Distinguished Member of the American Psychology-Law Society. In October, 2012, at its Congress in Pontevedra, Galicia, Spain, he was named Honorary President of the Iberoamerican Association of Therapeutic Jurisprudence, an organization headquartered at the University of Vigo. For his work in Therapeutic Jurisprudence, David was presented with the 2019 Alumni Achievement Award from Binghamton University.

David is a consultant on therapeutic jurisprudence to the National Judicial Institute of Canada and the Judicial Academy of Puerto Rico, and has served as a Fulbright Senior Specialist, lecturing on therapeutic jurisprudence in Australia and New Zealand. Before entering law teaching, he practiced for the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice.

David first explicated the therapeutic jurisprudence perspective in a paper written in 1987. He and Professor Bruce Winick of the University of Miami worked together to further develop the area, which is now of interest to practitioners and academics of many disciplines and nations. He was recently presented with the [Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award by Marquis Who's Who](#).