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Curriculum Vitae

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Experience:

1985-Present: Owner - Law Offices of James B. Gottstein
1995-Present: CEO - Touch N' Go Systems, Inc.
2002-Present: President/Chief Executive Officer (since 2005) & Board Member, Law Project for Psychiatric Rights (PsychRights®)
2004-Present: Treasurer & Board Member of the Board of Directors, National Association of Rights Protections and Advocacy (NARPA)
2005-Present: Board Member, International Center for the Study of Psychiatry and Psychology (ICSPP)
2002-Present: Board Member, Peer Properties, Inc., (currently President).
1991-Present: Board Member, The Gottstein Family Foundation
2003-2007: President & Board Member, CHOICES, Inc.
2003-2007: President & Board Member, Soteria-Alaska, Inc.
2003-2005: Board of Directors - Alaska World Affairs Council
1998-2004: Member - Alaska Mental Health Board
1998-2002: Board of Directors - Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web
1986-1996: Board of Directors - Mental Health Consumers of Alaska
1983-1985: Staff Attorney - Carr-Gottstein Inc.
1982-1983: Associate Attorney - Delaney, Wiles, Hayes, Reitman and Brubaker
1980-1982: Partner - Goldberg and Gottstein
1978-1980: Associate Attorney - Robert M. Goldberg and Associates

Bar Memberships

1994: United States Supreme Court
1978: Alaska
1978: United States District Court, District of Alaska
1978: United States Court of Appeals; Ninth Circuit

Education:

1978 (Class of '77): J.D., Harvard Law School
1974: B.S., Business Administration with Honors (Finance), University of Oregon.

Publications:

- Involuntary Commitment and Forced Psychiatric Drugging In the Trial Courts: Rights Violations as a Matter of Course, *25 Alaska Law Review* 51 (2008).

- How the Legal System Can Help Create a Recovery Culture in Mental Health Systems, contributed chapter in R. Halgin, *Clashing Views in Abnormal Psychology*, 5th Ed., McGraw Hill, New York, New York, (2008): 17-29.
- Rights and Alternatives: Enforcing legal rights as a mechanism for creating non-medical model alternatives, contributed chapter in *Beyond Psychiatry* (2007), P. Lehmann & P. Stastny, Eds., 308-17.
- Psychiatrists' Failure to Inform: Is There Substantial Financial Exposure? James B. Gottstein, Esq., JD, *Ethical Human Psychology and Psychiatry*, Volume 9, Number 2, 2007.

Presentations

- "Advocacy and the Transformation Triangle," International Network Towards Alternatives in Recovery (INTAR) conference on International Recovery Perspectives: Action on Alternatives, University of Toronto, June 6, 2008, Toronto, Canada.
- Panel member Soteria--The Proven Model for Recovery Communities, "The Development of Soteria-Alaska," INTAR conference on International Recovery Perspectives: Action on Alternatives, University of Toronto, June 5, 2008, Toronto, Canada.
- "Over-Prescription of Psychiatric Drugs: Changing an Irrational Policy," Contemporary Social Policy and Change, University Alaska Anchorage, April 2008.
- Roundtable, Program in Psychiatry and the Law @ BIDMC Psychiatry of Harvard Medical School, October 24, 2007, Boston, Massachusetts.
- "Forced Psychiatric Drugging: A Misguided Atrocity," Hampshire College, Massachusetts, October 22, 2007.
- "The Transformation Triangle," Region Ten Consumer Advisory Council 2nd Annual Conference, Charlottesville, Virginia, October 17, 2007.
- "The Psychiatric Drugging of America's Children: Legal Rights of Children and Parents," ICSPP Annual Conference, October 14, 2007.
- *Myers, Wetherhorn & More: Litigating for Consumer Driven Services*, Mental Health Consumer and Family Education & Leadership Conference, May 17, 2007.
- Psychiatric Drugs in America: Who's Crazy? Or Through the DSM Looking Glass, ANT A655 Advanced Medical Anthropology, March 26, 2008, University of Alaska Anchorage.
- Strategic Litigation to Achieve Meaningful Change: The *Myers* Case, Alaska and a National Initiative, National Association of Rights Protection and Advocacy (NARPA) annual conference, November 16, 2006, Baltimore, Maryland.
- "The Public Mental Health System, University of Alaska Anchorage, November 2, 2006.
- The Public Mental Health System: Analysis and Suggestions for Improvement, Alaska Pacific University, October 26, 2006, Anchorage, Alaska.

- A Coordinated Campaign To Successfully Change the Mental Illness System, ICSP annual conference, October 9, 2006, October 9, 2006.
- Panel member: "Free Your Mind A discussion about psychiatric rights and how we value people in our communities," David A. Clarke School of Law, Washington, DC, October 6, 2006.
- "CHOICES, Inc., Soteria-Alaska, & Peer Properties: Agents for Positive Change," Harvard & Yale Clubs, April 4, 2006, Anchorage, Alaska.
- "CHOICES, Inc., Soteria-Alaska, & Peer Properties: Agents for Positive Change," Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web, March 31, 2006, Anchorage, Alaska.
- "CHOICES, Inc., Soteria-Alaska, & Peer Properties: Agents for Positive Change," NAMI-Anchorage Annual Meeting, March 16, 2006.
- "Multi-faceted Grassroots Efforts to Bring About Meaningful Change to Alaska's Mental Health Program," National Association of Rights Protection and Advocacy (NARPA) annual conference, November 19, 2005, Hartford, Connecticut.
- "Involuntary Mental Health 'Treatment:' Utilizing Valid Scientific Information and Client Views to Win Cases," Massachusetts, Mental Health Law Unit Continuing Legal Education for the Committee for Public Counsel Services, November, 2005, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Member of Panel Discussion of Involuntary Treatment in the U.S., International Society for the Psychological Treatment of Schizophrenia and Other Psychoses, November, 2005, Boston, Massachusetts.
- "Grass Roots, Multi-Organizational Efforts in Support of Human Rights in Mental Illness," International Center for the Study of Psychiatry and Psychology, Flushing, NY, October 8, 2005.
- "Involuntary Commitment and Medication in Alaska: or Just Because I'm Paranoid Doesn't Mean They Aren't After Me," SWK 643 Human Diversity and Special Populations, University of Alaska Anchorage, September 19, 2005.
- "Human Rights in Mental Health: Let's Do It," MindFreedom Action Conference, April 30, 2005, Washington, DC.
- "Forced Psychiatric Drugging in Alaska," presented to the Health Law Section of the Alaska Bar Association, February 3, 2005.
- "PsychRights' Legal Campaign Against Forced Drugging and How You Can Participate," International Center for the Study of Psychiatry and Psychology, Flushing, New York, October 10, 2004.
- "Involuntary Commitment in Alaska and Beyond," Alaska Libertarian State Convention, April 24, 2004, Anchorage, Alaska.
- "The Law Project for Psychiatric Rights: Progress and Directions," for the National Rights Protection and Advocacy (NARPA) Conference, November 23, 2003, Austin, Texas.

- Co-presented Alaska Mental Health Board's FY 2005 Request for Recommendations to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, August, 2003.
- Alaska Mental Health Board Budget Committee's "Mental Health Budget Summit," parts 1 and 2 on March 8, 2003, in Juneau Alaska and April 11-12, 2003 in Anchorage, Alaska, respectively.
- "Unwarranted Court Ordered Medication: A Call to Action," for the National Rights Protection and Advocacy (NARPA) Conference (off-agenda), November, 2002, Portland, Oregon.
- Board Training at the Family and Consumer Conference, May 2, 2002, in Anchorage, Alaska.
- "Real Estate in the Land of the Midnight Sun," presented to the International Real Estate Society's International Congress, July 27, 2001, Girdwood, Alaska.
- "Protecting Your Privacy On-Line: Privacy, Threats, and Countermeasures," co-presented with Lara Baker, September 7, 2001, in Anchorage, Alaska.
- Board Training at the Family and Consumer Conference, April 13, 2001, in Anchorage, Alaska.
- Alaska Mental Health Board's Program and Evaluation Committee's Report on the Alaska Psychiatric Institute, presented as chair of the committee to the full board, February 16, 2000, Fairbanks, Alaska.
- Internet Strategies for the Paralegal in Alaska: A paralegals guide to the information super-highway," for the Institute for Paralegal Education, November 1998, in Anchorage, Alaska.
- "Grant Writing, 1, 2, 3," various times 1998-2002, in Anchorage, Alaska.
- "Web Page Design," Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web various times, 1998-2002.
- "Lawyers and the Internet," October 23, 1995, in Anchorage, Alaska.
- Many public presentations on the Alaska Mental Health Trust Lands litigation and proposed settlements, including radio and television appearances and testimony to legislative committees, 1986-1994