

**Jeff Bruno** conducts evaluations of damages in order to determine the functional as well as the economic implications of physical and cognitive injury, for plaintiff and defense.

Services provided include:

- Disability Analysis
  - Earning Capacity Assessment
  - Rehabilitation Planning
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## CLIENT-DIRECT SERVICES

- Disability Analysis, via:
  - Functional / Work Capacity Evaluation
  - Independent Living Evaluation

Determine real-world functional abilities via a dynamic battery of clinical exams, work/activity samples, situational assessments, and performance-based tests. Assess physical, psychosocial, sensory, and cognitive capacity – as well as the context in which tasks are performed – simultaneously and in equal detail. Determine degree of functional autonomy, rehabilitation potential, and work/living restrictions.

- Earning Capacity Assessment, via:
  - Transferable Skills Analysis
  - Evaluation of Vocational Potential

Determine vocational potential and employability via job-demands and labor-market analysis. Assess general-worker as well as job-specific performance capacity required for job seeking, acquisition, and success. Determine work-life expectancy as well as future and/or loss of earnings.

- Rehabilitation Planning, via:
  - Evaluation of Rehabilitation and Care Needs
  - Cost-of-Care Projections

Determine appropriate format of supported-living, return-to-school, and/or return-to-work services. Assess products and assistance needed to promote independence and to prevent complications or deterioration. Determine cost of supports and care across the lifespan or career.

## **CASE-CONSULTATION SERVICES**

### Review/Critique

- Records Review and Interpretation (including of surveillance/documentary video)
- Critique of Disputed Report Findings

### Analysis/Guidance

- Job Demands and Labor Market Analysis
- Adaptive Equipment/Rehabilitation Engineering Guidance

### Strategy/Planning

- Development of Direct and Cross-Exam Questions
- Assessment of Claim Veracity

## **QUALIFICATIONS AND HONORS**

### Performed to Date

- 500+ Functional/Work Capacity Evaluations
- 3,500+ Clinical Evaluations – clients aged 8 weeks to 100+ years

### Distinguishing Experience

- Ongoing clinical assessment from hospital until return-to-work 1+ years later
- On-site job coaching and ergonomic services, including at Fortune 100 company
- Service in industrial, pediatric/school-based, and inpatient/outpatient settings
- Diverse labor-market expertise, start-up to multinational firms, including abroad
- Approved MCLE provider, State Bar of California (2014-2016)

### Distinguishing Training

- Ergonomics and Human Factors Engineering, University of Southern California and University of Michigan
- Evaluation of Driving Competency
- Academic Internship in Industrial Rehabilitation
- Cognitive Rehabilitation, Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago
- Motivational Interviewing and Pain Management
- Life Care Planning, Clinical/Vocational/Independent-Living
- Assistive Technology Applications, California State University, Northridge
- Functional/Work Capacity Evaluation, 3 Separate Post-Graduate Schools

## **LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

### LICENSES

- Occupational Therapist – California, Nevada (OTL)

### CERTIFICATIONS

- Registered, National Board of Occupational Therapy (OTR)
- Certified Vocational Evaluator (CVE)
- Member, National Registry of Professional Vocational Evaluators (PVE)
- Certified Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (VRC)
- Certified Functional Capacity Evaluator (CFCE)

## **EDUCATION**

### GRADUATE

- Master of Arts in Occupational Therapy  
University of Southern California, 2010

### UNDERGRADUATE

- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Double Minor in Natural Sciences, Neuroscience  
University of Southern California, 1999

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS / LEADERSHIP POSITIONS**

- American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)
- Vocational Evaluation and Career Assessment Professionals (VECAP)
- International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals (IARP)
- Editorial Board Member, WORK: A Journal of Prevention, Assessment & Rehabilitation
- Editorial Board Member, The Rehabilitation Professional / Journal of Life Care Planning (2019-2020)
- President, CA Chapter of the International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals (IARP, 2018-2019)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- Best-Practices Model for Disability and Vocational Analysis, Central Coast Trial Lawyers Association, San Luis Obispo, CA, 2018 and Plaintiff Lawyers' Luncheon, Santa Barbara, CA, 2016
- Functional Capacity Evaluation, VECAP National Forum, Atlantic Beach, NC, 2015

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Bruno, J. (2018). Functional capacity evaluation: A best-practices model for the vocational evaluator. *Vocational Evaluation and Career Assessment Professionals Journal*, 13(1), 20-34.

## **PATENTS**

- Bruno, J. (2020). *U.S. Patent No. 10,643,745*. Washington, DC: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.  
  
Title: Systems and Methods for Determining Human Performance Capacity and Utility of a Biomedical Intervention/Neurotechnology Device
- Bruno, J. (2021). *U.S. Patent No. 10,925,533*. Washington, DC: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.  
  
Title: Systems and Methods for Determining Human Performance Capacity and Utility of a Person-Utilized Device