



ADVANCEMENT OF THE PROFESSION - Ronald Schouten, MD, JD, DLFAPA



Ronald Schouten, M.D., J.D. graduated Haverford College, received his law degree from Boston University, and his medical degree from the University of Illinois School of Medicine. He completed his internship in medicine at the Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, Illinois and his residency in psychiatry at the Massachusetts General Hospital and was chief resident at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center. He is board certified in psychiatry and forensic psychiatry.

Currently, Dr. Schouten is Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, Founder of the Law and Psychiatry Services at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), and Director of the MGH/HMS Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program. Additionally, he is recognized as a national and international leader in mental health and its intersection with the law and is a visiting scholar in Behavioral Health at St Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington DC; Consultant, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crimes; Consultant, United States Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and a member of the Risk Assessment Working Group on Joint Terrorism, including the governments of the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada and Australia. Dr. Schouten was the mental health liaison for the Association of Trial Lawyers of America to the September 11 Victims Fund and served on consensus panels drafting guidelines on workplace violence for the FBI and the American Society for Industrial Security.

For over thirty years, Dr. Schouten has taught medico-legal issues to undergraduates, medical students, clinical fellows, and post-doctoral psychologists at the Harvard University School of Arts & Sciences and Harvard Medical School. He has been recognized with the Knowles Scholar Award from Harvard College and was nominee for the Cynthia N. Kettyle Medical Student Teaching Award. He has played a key role in the development of a number of innovations in the teaching of forensic mental health issues. These include providing grand rounds educational opportunities for Massachusetts judges, offering continuing education programs for legal professionals, and other medical and non-medical groups in the lay community. Dr. Schouten co-developed and co-taught the Managing Workplace Conflict Program for the Massachusetts Medical Society's Physician Health Service and is Forensic Column Co-Editor for the Harvard Review of Psychiatry. Dr. Schouten is a member of 7 editorial review boards, has written numerous peer reviewed articles, presented media for other professional groups, and has received the Benjamin Franklin Award for the best book in psychology. He is a past president of the Academy of Organizational and Occupational Psychiatry and a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.

The Massachusetts Psychiatric Society is pleased to honor Ronald Schouten with its 2020 Advancement of the Profession Award.