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Subject: Standardized Assessment Protocol

Dear Sir/Madam

On April 1, 2008, the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) agreed to hear my petition alleging that the Department of Mental Health has issued, utilized, enforced, or attempted to enforce the Clinical Evaluators Handbook and Standardized Assessment Protocol as an underground regulation in violation of California Government Code §11340 et.seq. (Administrative Procedures Act) (*Please see attached letter from the OAL*).

We understand the amount of pressure the Department of Mental Health (DMH) will attempt to exert on the petition process. It is our hope that each and every Public Defenders office in the State will submit an Amicus Curiae (or administrative law equivalent) in support of our position that the *HANDBOOK* is an underground regulation and must go through the lawful promulgation process if it is to be used. Our position is supported by several California attorneys, including Todd Melnick and Michael Aye. The deadline for public comment is May 19, 2008.

We sincerely appreciate your taking the above matter under consideration, and should you have need of further information you may contact the following persons:

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I would like to thank you, in advance, for any and all assistance that you can provide in this matter.

Sincerely Yours,


Michael St. Martin

