

John W. Petras, Ph.D.

### Vitae Synopsis

John W. Petras is President of Mid-Michigan Family, Ltd. in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan and Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Central Michigan University. Dr. Petras holds M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Sociology from the University of Connecticut. He earned his M.A. degree in Counseling from Central Michigan University. Dr. Petras has taken post-graduate work through the Masters and Johnson Institute, the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT) and the EMDR Institute.

As a practicing Therapist, Dr. Petras is certified as a Sex Diplomat in Sex Therapy by AASECT as well as holding a Clinical Supervisor Certification in Sex Therapy by the American Academy of Clinical Sexologists. He is one of four certified Sex Therapy Supervisors for the AASECT in Michigan and supervises candidates for LPC licenses in the State of Michigan. Dr. Petras is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and holds Clinical status with the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists. He is a Licensed Professional Counselor and holds a Clinical Level Social Work License. Other certifications include Diplomat status with the American Board of Medical Psychotherapists and Psychodiagnosticians, and status as a Fellow in the American Psychotherapy Association, as well as certification by the EMDR International Association.

Dr. Petras taught undergraduate and graduate courses in sexuality and sex therapy at Central Michigan University until his retirement from there in 2001. He published numerous articles and is the author and co-author of eight books, including *Sexuality in Society*, *Sex: Male/Gender: Masculine*, *The Social Meaning of Human Sexuality*, *Learning About Sexual Abuse*, and *Learning About Sex*, which was named "Outstanding Science Book for Children" by the National Science Teachers Association.

Dr. Petras' therapeutic specialties involve issues surrounding sexual victimization and sexual offending. He holds Board Certification in sexual abuse from the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress, as well as Board Certification as a Diplomat of Clinical Forensic Counseling by the American College of Certified Forensic Counselors. Dr. Petras has served as an Expert Witness in a number of trials. He has worked with over three thousand victims of sexual abuse and over three thousand sexual offenders. Dr. Petras taught over one dozen upper division classes at Central Michigan University which dealt with the therapeutic issues of sexual victims and offenders. He has made numerous presentations to professionals working in these areas, as well as appearing on television and radio. Dr. Petras has passed the examination of the National Association of Forensic Counselors and is a clinically Certified Sex Offender Treatment Specialist.