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## Psychiatry and Behavioral Science Section Award-Winning Paper of 1998

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The current year, 1999, marks the 30th anniversary of the founding of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL). AAPL was created by fifteen forensic psychiatrists and (as of this date) has 1875 members. AAFS and its Psychiatry and Behavioral Science Section have a long history of cooperation with AAPL. Most notably, AAFS and the Forensic Sciences Foundation were co-sponsors with AAPL of the American Board of Forensic Psychiatry, Inc. Subsequently, AAFS and AAPL jointly sponsored the Accreditation Council on Fellowships in Forensic Psychiatry. For the past decade, an AAFS Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences liaison committee has presented programs at the annual AAPL conventions that are designed to introduce AAPL's forensic psychiatrists to AAFS's broad range of other forensic sciences.

This year, 1999, also marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of the first, largest and most active of AAPL's regional chapters, Tri-State AAPL, which is the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut Chapter of AAPL. Tri-State AAPL has produced eight

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books that cover all of the facets of forensic psychiatry: Critical Issues in American Psychiatry and the Law Volume One, Critical Issues in American Psychiatry and the Law Volume Two, Geriatric Psychiatry and the Law, Juvenile Psychiatry and the Law, Criminal Justice Consultation, Correctional Psychiatry, Ethical Practice in Psychiatry and the Law, and Principles and Practice of Forensic Psychiatry. Tri-State AAPL's educational courses provide a core for the forensic psychiatry fellowship training programs of New York University School of Medicine, Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, and St. Vincent's Hospital-New York Medical College. Tri-State AAPL's educational programs include a two-semester comprehensive course on forensic psychiatry, a one-semester course on forensic considerations in the clinical practice of adolescent psychiatry, and a day-long January educational program that annually addresses a single forensic psychiatry special interest topic.

The AAFS Psychiatry and Behavioral Science Section salutes AAPL and Tri-State AAPL on the occasion of their founding anniversaries. We take particular pride in sharing with our colleagues this paper by Dr. Rayel, the latest recipient of Honorable Mention in our Section's annual competition for the best paper by a fellow in forensic psychiatry or forensic psychology.