

Checklist for Franklin Hearing Type of Evaluations

- Consultation with attorney to determine focus of the evaluation & report. Determine if they want the 5 Miller factors addressed:
 - Hallmark Features of Youth (chronological age, immaturity, failure to appreciate risks, etc.).
 - Home and Family (environmental, dysfunction, etc.).
 - Circumstances of Crime/Peer Pressure.
 - Incompetencies of Youth.
 - Evidence of Rehabilitation (and the possibility of needing a risk assessment if the evaluation is being used for consideration of release/remand back to juvenile court).

OR

A limited purpose evaluation focusing on:

- Discussing adolescent brain development.
 - Trauma and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES).
 - Cognitive deficits and how they pertain to the Miller criteria.
 - Risk and Treatment (how prior treatments failed and why – perhaps they were not evidenced-based or dose-dependent).
 - Address PTSD, TBI, or Substance Abuse and how these relate to the offense charged.
- Review screening instruments and assessment tools you will use to gather the objective data and support your opinion.
 - Tests of Cognitive Abilities
 - Personality
 - Psychopathology
 - Risk Assessment
 - Effort/Motivation
- Have Attorney Request Records
 - Developmental Records
 - Medical Records
 - Psychiatric Records
 - School Records (IEP/Special Education)
 - Child Welfare Records
 - Legal Records
 - Prison “C-File”
- Collect collateral contact names and phone numbers
 - Family Member(s)
 - Teachers
 - Therapists/Mental Health Providers
 - Private Investigator *
 - Forensic Social Worker *

* Some attorneys elect to hire a private investigator and/or forensic social worker to interview collateral contact and produce a psychosocial report. This can be very helpful and a time saver for the evaluator.