

# Utilizing Vocational Experts in Divorce Cases and Litigation

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As a medical and vocational case management company servicing the state of Michigan for over 20 years, Midwest Case Management, Inc. is well qualified to provide services in the area of divorce litigation. We are familiar with assessing wage earning capacity which most often involves completing vocational assessments that may include the vocational interview, testing, transferable skills analyses, and labor market surveys. This is a growing area within the field of family law. Vocational experts can assist in reaching equitable settlements. We are also able to offer resources to your clients in terms of entry or re-entry into the workforce.

This service includes meeting with the individual and having the client perform a detailed data form prior to arrival. During the initial interview, further information about the client's employment history, skills and abilities, and any emotional or physical barriers one may have that impacts employability are reviewed and assessed. Labor market research is also included.

The January 2008 issue of *The Rehabilitation Professional* includes an article, "Use of Expert Vocational Witnesses in Divorce Cases" by Eric Bensch and Peter Hollar, which summarized the use of vocational experts as the following: "Vocational experts can provide objective information to calculate economic damages associated with divorce and domestic torts. Thus, Vocational Experts are uniquely qualified to provide the highest quality analysis for the Court in family law proceedings involving divorce."

As outlined in the same article, "Divorce may also involve economic loss if one spouse has been out of the labor market, has been partially or totally financial dependent on the other spouse, or is unable to work for various reasons... Without a plan to improve employability and financial self-sufficiency, the spouse may be awarded indefinite maintenance."

Midwest Case Management, Inc. has licensed experts who are experienced in vocational issues. For more information contact:

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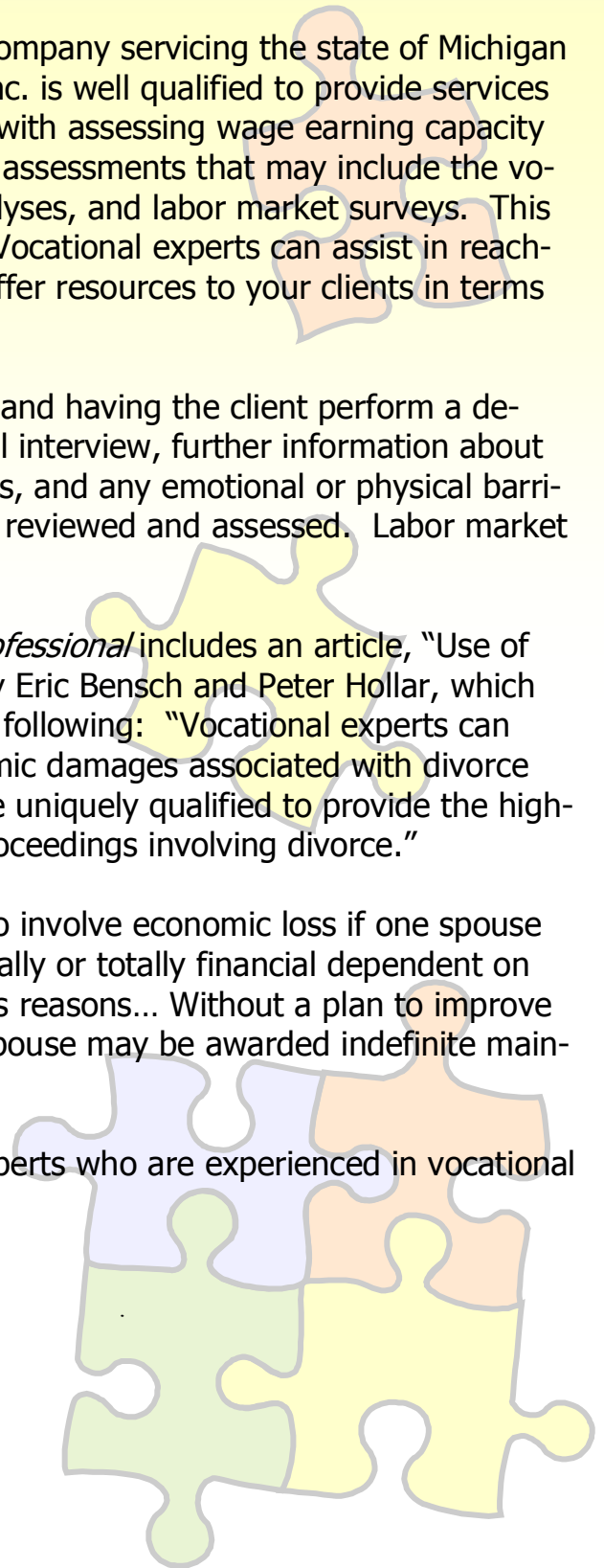
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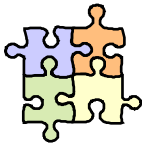
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