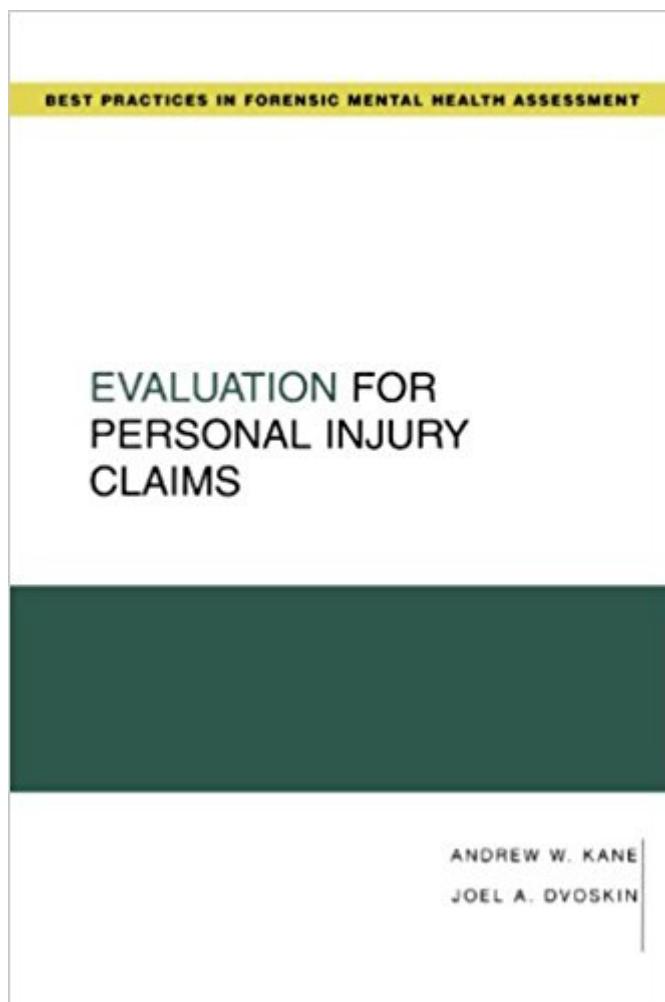


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# **Evaluation For Personal Injury Claims (Best Practices For Forensic Mental Health Assessments)**



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This is a great, concise guide to performing personal injury assessments. This book provides an excellent overview of the legal context for these assessments without over-burdening the reader with endless case law citations and then provides a framework for how to actually do the assessment in a logical and defensible manner. If you read one book on the subject, this would be it. The authors are extremely knowledgeable and experienced and know wherefore they speak.

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