Forensic Psychology

DESCRIPTION OF THE FIELD
Forensic Psychology is the application of the science and profession of psychology to questions and issues relating to the law and legal systems. Individuals in this field will earn a PhD to become a licensed Psychologist. Forensic Psychology is the professional practice by Psychologists within the areas of Clinical Psychology, Counseling Psychology, School Psychology, or other specialties, when they are engaged as experts in the field to provide expertise to the judicial system. The practice of Forensic Psychology is the application of scientific, technical, or specialized knowledge of psychology to inform matters of law within the judicial system, legislative bodies, and administrative agencies. This may include the following: conducting psychological evaluations, treatment, research in anticipation of future legal, contractual, or administrative proceedings; offering expert psychological opinions in the form of testimony or amicus briefs; and, trial consultation. Psychologists may testify in Court about their patients or research from time to time however, such activities would not be considered the specialized practice of forensic psychology.
(Provided by American Board of Professional Psychology and American Psychological Association)

CAREERS
- Consulting, teaching, and/or researching
- Counseling and/or treating, Case Managers, Administrators- individuals in prisons and other correctional facilities, halfway houses, mental health centers, and/or psychiatric hospitals
- Political Advisor to government agencies and/or politicians, or Non-profit lobbyist

RESOURCES
For more information, please visit the following websites:

American Board of Forensic Psychology- Diplomate in Forensic Psychology Certification
http://www.abfp.com/

American Psychological Association

American Psychology-Law Society
http://www.apadivisions.org/division-41/

Psychology Today, Forensic Psychology: Is it the Career for me?
https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/witness/201409/forensic-psychology-is-it-the-career-me