

Preface

The origins of this edited volume began in 2013. As part of a Canadian delegation of clinicians and judges spearheaded by Mr. Neil Skinner, executive legal counsel to the Provincial Court of Alberta, we attended the 33rd Congress of the International Academy of Law and Mental Health in Amsterdam in July 2013. There were two panels organized with speakers from Alberta and Saskatchewan on the topic of FASD. While there was some significant interest in the topic, we were left with the impression that much more needed to be done to educate health and legal practitioners around the world about the various legal and ethical challenges associated with those who have FASD. Dr. Floor Oosting and Mr. Chris Wilby from Springer Publishing approached Monty about considering assembling an edited volume with contributions from authors from around the world on the topic. With the encouragement of Dr. Egon Jonsson from the Alberta Institute of Health Economics, the journey to collect chapters from authors in the field was undertaken.

Marguerite agreed to assist Monty with the project; the combination of a retired judge and a psychologist as editors seemed very apt for such a volume. A call for papers went out in the fall of 2013. Most of the papers were received by the summer of 2014 and the editing process commenced. We are pleased that we have 28 contributors from seven countries, and want to graciously thank each of them for their contributions and patience with the editing process.

We sincerely thank series editor Dr. David Weisstub, as well as Dr. Oosting and Mr. Wilby for their efforts and support in publishing this work. Ms. Kathryn Kelly and Dr. Diane Black assisted in spreading the word about the book to potential authors. We are also thankful to our many colleagues (including Judge Peter Ayotte, Ms. Denis Milne, Ms. Audrey McFarlane, Ms. Teresa O’Riordan, Ms. Sharon Brintnell, Dr. Hasu Rajani, and Dr. Brent Symes) who over the years have influenced our understanding and involvement in the field of FASD. We have also learned extensively from the various individuals with FASD we have worked with. Two anonymous reviewers also spent extensive time reviewing an earlier draft of the volume, and providing thorough feedback and suggestions as well; their time and effort are greatly appreciated.

Finally, we thank our families for their patience while we brought together this work.

We dedicate this volume to those individuals with FASD, and those who work to assist them.

**Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders in Adults: Ethical and
Legal Perspectives**

An overview on FASD for professionals

Nelson, M.; Trussler, M. (Eds.)

2016, XVIII, 300 p. 10 illus., Hardcover

ISBN: 978-3-319-20865-7