

## About Us

**Dr. James Lawrence Thomas**, Director of the Brain Clinic, is a licensed clinical psychologist and




neuropsychologist specializing in diagnosing and treating adult ADHD, LD, and mild head injuries for three decades.

He has post doctorate certificates in group therapy, cognitive therapy, relationship therapy, and neuropsychology, with seven books to his credit, including **Do you have Attention Deficit Disorder?** (Dell, 1996).

Dr. Larry Thomas has degrees from UC Berkeley, Yale, and CUNY, and has been on the Faculty of NYU Medical Center for over 20 years. He is Past President of the Independent Practice Division and the Neuropsychology Divisions of the New York State Psychological Association (NYSPA), and is on the Board of Directors of the International Dyslexia Association and the New York Academy of Traumatic Brain Injury.

He is **Board Certified in EEG Biofeedback** from the Biofeedback Certification Institute of America (BCIA-EEG). Dr. Larry Thomas was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by NYSPA in June of 2000, and in October 2001, he was elected as Distinguished Practitioner of Psychology in the National Academies of Practice, one of the highest honors in the field.

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## **What makes the Brain Clinic Different?**

In the New York City area, there are a number of places to obtain evaluations for ADHD and learning disabilities. But with each of the clinics and services, there are some problems that I have noticed over the 30 years that I have been doing this kind of work. They are either expensive, have inconvenient hours, have a long waiting list, or do not do a thorough enough job at testing. Sometimes it takes months in order to get a report. Most of the time graduate students, or psychologists in training, do the testing. That is fine, as long as the supervision is good. Testing goes pretty much "by the book," and as long as the testing professional has experience, then the results will be valid the vast majority of the time. However, from many places that supposedly test for learning disabilities or ADHD, I have received their reports and have had to do the evaluation again because it was inadequate. This is so the evaluation could stand up to a rigorous peer review, such as requesting extended time on the Bar Exam, the LSAT, or the Medical Boards. (Yes, there are plenty of doctors with learning disabilities!) Writing such reports is very demanding, and I often show my clients examples of the reports I have done so they can see first hand how elaborate the evaluations must be.

The Brief ADHD/LD evaluations performed at the Brain Clinic are a shortened version of a full evaluation, and are priced accordingly. The usual time is spent on the testing, in order to gather the proper information, and the client or the parents are requested to provide a history, so this can be inserted into the report body. This is done to keep the cost down. Usually, our \$1000 evaluations will serve the purpose of obtaining the services needed for special education and extended time for young people, but you need to check with the person requesting the evaluation. In order to have a full evaluation for extended time for SAT, LSAT, and other demanding exams, additional professional time is needed from Dr. Thomas.

The main difference between the Brain Clinic and others is that the reports are streamlined because Dr. Thomas has been doing these evaluations for over 30 years and knows how to do them efficiently. He also has a breadth of services available, some of the latest technology available, including neurofeedback, QEEG evaluations, and remediation for the cognitive problems underlying learning disabilities and other conditions. Dr. Thomas's credentials are excellent, and this can be seen in the narrative resume. Briefly, this includes his being a licensed psychologist and neuropsychologist for over 30 years, on the Faculty of NYU Medical Center, on the Board of Directors of the International Dyslexia Association, and Past-President of the Neuropsychology Division of

the New York State Psychological Association, with seven books to his credit (including one on attention deficit disorder).

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**Dr. Kristi B. Hoffmann**, is a licensed clinical psychologist and neuropsychologist. Dr. Hoffmann obtained degrees from Louisiana State University, John Jay College of Criminal Justice and Widener University. She holds master's degrees in forensic psychology and clinical psychology, as well as her doctorate in clinical psychology. While attending Widener University, Dr. Hoffmann specialized in the area of neuropsychology and was awarded the Susan Reed Price Neuropsychology Award in 2009. She completed her pre-doctoral internship training at the private neuropsychology practices of Drs. Idit Trope and Peter Badgio in Bryn Mawr, PA and under Dr. Joseph I. Tracy at The Comprehensive Epilepsy Center at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, PA.

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**Lalita Krishnamurthy, Ph.D**, is a certified school psychologist and provides child neuropsychological and learning disability evaluations. For several years, she headed The Rosa Hagin Clinic at Fordham University. She has a PhD in school psychology from Fordham University, and a Post Doctoral certificate in Neuropsychology from the Fielding Institute, with a specialty in child neuropsychology. She has been with the Brain Clinic for eight years.