

What Is a Forensic Speech-Language Pathologist?

Definition: A Forensic Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) evaluates how communication, language, memory, and cognitive processing impact an individual's reliability, behavior, and participation in legal settings.

Areas We Assess

- Memory accuracy and consistency.
- Processing speed and attention.
- Understanding of legal language (e.g., Miranda rights).
- Narrative organization and coherence.
- Speech clarity, intelligibility, and motor speech.
- Cognitive-communication changes after TBI, stroke, dementia, autism, ADHD.

Why It Matters

Traditional psychological evaluations do **not** capture how neurological or communication impairments impact statements, testimony, or legal understanding. A forensic SLP fills that gap with science-driven analysis.

Perfect for...

- Criminal cases (Miranda comprehension, testimony clarity).
- Personal injury/TBI litigation.
- Elder abuse/dementia cases.
- Capacity/guardianship evaluations.



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