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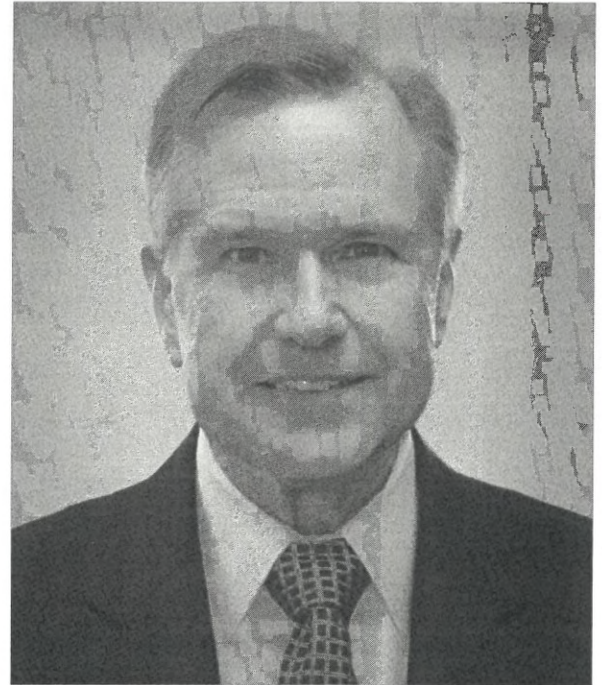
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Dr. Van de Bittner was the managing editor of a special issue of the *Journal of Forensic Vocational Analysis* in 2003 in which several vocational experts researched and reported on the use of vocational expert opinion and testimony in their respective state workers' compensation systems. He is the author of several peer-reviewed, published journal articles related to the evaluation of employability and earning capacity. Dr. Van de Bittner was the co-editor of a special issue of *The Rehabilitation Professional* in 2012 regarding diminished future earning capacity. He is the author of Chapter 18, Consultation in Workers' Compensation Law in *Foundations of Forensic Vocational Rehabilitation* (2014), a textbook that is used in graduate rehabilitation counselor training programs. He is the co-author of 2016 and 2022 articles on the appropriate use of vocational expert opinions after SB 863. He is the co-author of a 2019 article that describes a method for developing vocational and life care plan options after *Sanchez* (2016) that do not rely on case-specific hearsay evidence. In addition, he is the co-author of a 2024 article regarding *Nunes I* and *Nunes II*. He has testified at the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board throughout Northern California, as well as at Superior Court in California, and at U.S. District Court. He is a frequently invited presenter on topics related to employability, earning capacity, and apportionment. He is the recipient of the 2006 Scott E. Streater, Ph.D. Learning and Education Award and the 2021 David S. Frank, Ed.D. Lifetime Achievement Award by the American Board of Vocational Experts.