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Selected Publications:

Texas Criminal Procedure & the Offender with Mental Illness: An Analysis & Guide. (3d ed., NAMI-Texas, 2005) (Co-author with Professor Daniel Benson); available at <http://www.namitexas.org/resources/reading.html>.

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