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• In the early 1980s, a jury in the Midwest convicted Randy Thomas of having murdered two people. Originally sentenced to death, he appealed and his conviction was commuted.
• In the early 1990s, three people were shot to death at a convenience store; exactly one week later, three more were killed at a nearby pizza parlor. Edward Ronalds was tried and convicted of all six murders. He remains on death row.
• Kevin Ward murdered his elder child and attempted to murder his younger. He was sentenced in 2009 for these crimes. Although the prosecution originally sought the death penalty, ultimately Ward was sentenced to a prison term of 95 years.

Although very different cases in four separate states, the defendants had one thing in common—art therapists served on their defense teams. The final case became the impetus for this book.

Art therapists have provided forensic support and expert testimony in court hearings (Cohen-Liebman, 2003; Gussak & Cohen-Liebman, *With the exception of the three art therapists whose work is discussed in chapter 7, the names of all those connected with legal cases have been changed throughout this book.

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