



Associates in Forensic Investigations

*Expert Consultants and Legal Investigators
Personal Injury, Negligence & Death*

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Returned to Legal Investigations, 06/2008; founder and Senior Investigator
- Deputy Coroner / Investigator (Larimer County Medical Examiner's Office), 09/2002 through 08/2008
- Deputy Coroner / Investigator (Weld County Medical Examiner's Office), 01/2003 through 06/2005
- Forensic Autopsy Assistant, 09/2002 through 08/2008
Larimer and Weld Counties Medical Examiners' Offices (CO); Colorado Pathology Assocs
- Owner / Investigator – Forensic Investigators of Colorado, 10/1987 through 10/2005
(10/2005 to 08/2008 continued on a consulting / teaching basis)

PROFESSIONAL OFFICES AND POSITIONS

- Board Chairman, PPIAC (11/2010 to Present) VP of Membership (11/2009 to 11/2010)
- Region 5A Director, NCISS (CO WY NE AZ) (04/2011 to Present)
- 'Forensic Focus' special editor, NALI's The Legal Investigator [TLI] (06/2010 to Present)
- Region 6 Representative, NALI CLI Committee (MT WY CO NM AZ UT ID) (07/2010 to Present)
- Faculty Advisor – Forensic Investigations for Criminal Defense Investigations Training Council
- Forensic Investigator Consultant, Crime Wire Investigative Bureau (volunteer organization for cold cases)

PROFESSIONAL / EXPERT CONSULTING RELATIONSHIPS

- Stephen J. Cina, MD (Forensic Pathologist)
- Harold Schueler, PhD (Forensic Toxicologist)
- James S. Warson, MD (Neurosurgeon, Ret)

EXPERT TESTIMONY AND CONSULTATIONS

- *Presently consulting on multiple homicides in multiple states involving crime scene investigation, pattern injury analysis, fingerprint comparison and multiple forensic investigative protocols.*



- Forensic Investigation and Pattern Injury Analysis; Colorado v. Somoza (Adams County – 110M896); domestic violence assault.
- Private Investigation; Kelly v. Kelly (Archuleta County District Court – 2000 DR 019) 03/24/2010, specifically: "... whether techniques used would affect the reliability of the statements made ..."
- Expert consultations in traumatic injury causation, fingerprint comparison, investigative reports and interviews.

CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Legal Investigator – National Association of Legal Investigators, 06/2009 (<80 active in the world, four in Colorado and the only CLI in northern Colorado)
- Certified Criminal Defense Investigator – Criminal Defense Investigations Training Council
- Certification – Medicolegal Death Investigator (Colorado Coroners Association), 11/2003 [exp. 11/2008]
- Certified Medicolegal Death Investigator (Larimer County Medical Examiner)
- Certified Locate Specialist (author) Lion Investigation Academy, 05/2002
- Basic Colorado Peace Officer Certification - sworn law enforcement officer, 11/2005 through 08/2008

FORMAL EDUCATION

- Weld County Law Enforcement Training Academy (POST) - Academic and Director Commendations, 04/2005 to 11/2005
- Associates Degree - Investigations & Security (Lion Investigation Academy), 06/2002
- High School - Rocky Mountain (Fort Collins, Colorado), 05/1984

PUBLISHED BOOKS AND COURSE DEVELOPMENT

- Practical Methods for Legal Investigations: Concepts and Protocols in Civil and Criminal Cases (CRC Press); also a lecture series
- Professional Locate Investigations (self-published, Lulu Press – 2006); also a lecture series
- Medicolegal Death Investigation 8hr Continuing Education, online – www.PIEducation.com; www.MedicolegalDeathInvestigations.com.

PEER REVIEWED WHITE PAPERS

- 'Equivocal Death Investigations'; peer reviewed article for 'The Report' of NCISS, 08/2010
- 'Reviewing and Comprehending Autopsy Reports' – published in TLI 03/2010 (2nd Place – TLI Publisher's Award 2010); peer reviewed white paper for the Certified Legal Investigator examination, 04/2009
- 'The Legal Investigator's Relationship with Families'; peer reviewed article for The Legal Investigator 09/2009
- 'Commercial Woodchipper Fatality' - Investigation and Identification; peer reviewed article for Journal of Forensic Identification [IAI], Nov/Dec 2007



OTHER PUBLISHED ARTICLES

- 'Tunnel Intelligence'; published in PI Magazine 08/2011
- 'A Comprehensive Investigative Protocol'; published in TLI 08/2011
- Multiple quarterly articles - 'Forensic Focus' special editor, NALI's The Legal Investigator [TLI], 06/2010 to Present; variety
- 'Investigative Protocol for Civil Legal Investigations of Motor Vehicle Collisions', Trial Talk - Colorado Trial Lawyers Association, Oct-Nov 2010
- 'Ethical Considerations for the Professional Investigator', Texas Association of Licensed Investigators (TALI) 10/2010
- 'DNA Primer and Considerations for the Professional Investigator', Florida Association of Licensed Investigators (FALI) Summer 2010
- Psychological Autopsy and Equivocal Death Investigation; NCISS 'The Report' (fall 2010)
- Methods and Procedures for Requesting Change of Address and Boxholder Information from the USPS; California Association of Licensed Investigators (summer 2010)
- DNA Primer and Considerations for the Professional Investigator; Florida Association of Licensed Investigators (summer 2010)
- Investigator and Attorney Relationship Ethics; Texas Association of Licensed Investigators (summer 2010)
- Author 'Investigative Telephonics and Traplines' – for PursuitMag.com, 04/2009
- Authored multiple investigative articles for: Pursuit, PI Magazine, The Professional Investigator, The Norlarco Difference, The Newsletter of Joseph Culligan, The Coloradoan, I-News, The Larimer County Association of Legal Support Staff, Newsletter of the United Kingdom Institute of Professional Investigators, Licensed Private Detectives of Massachusetts, and the Female Legal Investigators Group

LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS

- Medicolegal Death Investigation (NDIA Conference 09/2011)
- Medicolegal Death Investigation (TALI Conference 08/2011)
- Medicolegal Death Investigation 8hr seminar (Criminal Defense Investigator Training Council, Jensen Beach FL)
- Medicolegal Death Investigation (FALI Conference 06/2011)
- Forensic Investigations, Pathology and Toxicology (NALI Mid Winter, 02/2011)
- Forensic Photography, GPS and Photography, Cell Phone Forensics for the Investigator, DNA for the Investigator, Autopsy Protocols – (Carbon County Coroner's Office 2010 Wyoming Conference, 11/2009)
- Woodchipper Fatality – Case Study (Regis University – CSI Conference 09/2010)
- Principles of Legal Investigation (Utah Association of Private Investigators 09/2010)
- MedicoLegal Death Investigation in the Private Sector (Everest College, Thornton, 08/2010)
- Investigator and Attorney Relationship Ethics; PPIAC, 07/2010

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- Principles of Legal Investigation, PPIAC; 09/2009
- Forensic Photography, Cell Phone and Computer Evidence, DNA Evidence; Larimer / Weld Association of Legal Support Staff, 09/2009
- Skip Tracing; PPIAC, 03/2009
- Death Investigation; PPIAC, 2009
- Photography, Locating Relatives, Drug Deaths; Larimer County Medical Examiner's Office, 2007
- Forensic Photography; Natrona County Coroner's Office, 2004
- Forensic Photography; Colorado Coroners Standards Training, 2006
- Skip Tracing; Lorman Education Services 2002
- Skip Tracing; Recovery Specialists Insurance Group 2001
- Skip Tracing; Judicial Judgment Collectors Association, 2000 and 2003
- Background Investigations; Larimer County Young Lawyers, 1993

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Professional Private Investigators Association of Colorado (Senior Member and Chairman of Board, past VP of Membership)
- National Association of Legal Investigators (Certified Legal Investigator, CLI Committee, and TLI *Forensic Focus* contributing author)
- National Council of Investigation and Security Specialists (Region 5A Director, past Membership Committee Co-Chair)
- Criminal Defense Investigations Training Council (Faculty Advisor – Forensic Investigations)
- World Association of Detectives
- Colorado State Investigators Association (government investigators)
- National Association of Medical Examiners (Professional Consultant Affiliate)
- International Association for Identification and Rocky Mountain Division Mensa USA
- (former) Author / Instructor and Faculty Advisor – Lion Investigation Academy

OTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

(does not include all annual association training conferences from 2009 to Present).
Certificates and letters of attending available upon request. Dean attends training at 2-6 conferences per year for legal and forensic investigations.

2010

- Death Investigation – Crime Scenes, 11/2010
- Fingerprint Classification and Comparison, 08/2010
- Training conferences – National Association of Legal Investigators (February and June), World Investigators Conference (March) and National Council of Investigation and Security



Services (April); pending - Professional Private Investigators Association of Colorado, and Private Investigators Association of Utah, Wyoming Coroners Association

2009

- Training conference – National Association of Legal Investigators, 06/2009 – conferred Certified Legal Investigator following extensive examination and board panel.

2008

- Basic Linguistic Statement Analysis (Sgt. Bob Shaffer, Loveland Police), 06/2008
- Kinesic Interview Techniques, 09/2008

2007 and Prior

- Advanced Interview Techniques (Backup Training Corporation), 02/2007
- Homicidal Drowning Investigations (LifeGuard Systems), 08/2007
- Suicide by Cop (Backup Training Corporation), 12/2007
- Child Abuse Investigations (Fox Valley Technical College), 02/2006
- Mini-Med School (University of Colorado Health Sciences), Sep-Nov 2005
- Law Enforcement Firearms - April 2006 and quarterly qualifications/annual in-services
- Interview & Interrogation Principles For Law Enforcement (Fort Collins Police), 12/2004
- Medical Records Review and Interpretation (Colorado Bar Association), 09/2004
- Alternate Light Source Photography (International Association for Identification), 09/2004
- Blood Pattern Interpretation on Clothing (International Association for Identification), 09/2004
- Mechanisms of Injury and Trauma (Banner Health System), 08/2004
- Regional Death Investigation Seminar (Homicide, Suicide & Crime Lab Techniques), 07/2004
- Bloodstain Pattern Analysis (Rocky Mountain Bloodstain Pattern Analysts), 06/2004
- Basic & Advanced Fingerprint Classification & Comparison (Charles Walsh, FBI Retired), 06/2004
- Current and Significant Aspects of Criminal Sexuality (Roy Hazelwood, FBI Retired), 05/2004
- Forensic Questioned Documents Theory (Lion Investigation Academy), 02/2004
- Advanced Interview & Interrogation (The Reid Institute), 02/2004
- Crime Scene Processing School (Weld County Sheriff's Office), 01/2004
- Photography Techniques for Crime Scenes (National Criminal Justice PATC), 12/2003
- Identity Theft and Forged / False Documents (Colorado State Investigators Association), 10/2003
- Meth Labs and Related Crimes (US Department of Justice), 10/2003
- Interviewing & Interrogation (The Reid Institute), 07/2003
- Forensic Polygraph Theory (Lion Investigation Academy), 07/2003
- Basic Crash Investigation (The Backup Training Corporation), 07/2003

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- Basic Blood Stain Analysis for Crime Scene Reconstruction (Nat'l Criminal Justice PATC), 05/2003
- Basic Interview & Interrogation (FBI), 02/2003
- Basic Forensic Scene Photography (Larimer County Sheriff's Office), 02/2003
- Fundamental Concepts of Forensic Science (Knowledge Solutions), 05/2002
- Internet Investigations (Brian K. Ingram), 06/2000