



# Associates in Forensic Investigations

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

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**Legal Investigator**  
**Board Certified Criminal Defense Investigator**  
**Certified in Medicolegal Death Investigation**

## **Curriculum Vitae and Experience as of 10/01/2011**

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Returned to legal investigation - Administration and Investigation – 09/2008 to Present
- Advocacy and Counseling - 07/2003 to Present
- Deputy Coroner / Investigator (training, administrative and investigations)  
Larimer County Medical Examiner's Office - 12/2004 to 06/2006
- Forensic Autopsy Assistant - 01/2005 to 06/2006  
Larimer County Medical Examiner's Office and Colorado Pathology Associates
- Forensic Investigators of Colorado, LLC - 1996 to 2005
- Juvenile Advocacy Counselor (Turning Point) - 07/2003 to 01/2004

### **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

- Medicolegal Death Investigator (Larimer County Medical Examiner's Office) - 12/2004 to 06/2006
- Reserve Training Program and Certification
- Restorative Group Conference Facilitation - 05/2004
- Colorado State University (Bachelors in Social Work) – 09/2001 to 12/2003  
Graduated Magna Cum Laude and Honor Society Phi Kappa Phi
- Supplemental Training in De-escalation, Criminal Thinking, Care-Frontation, Substance Abuse and Recovery, Ethics and Professionalism, Five-minute Intervention - 08/2003
- Reid Techniques of Interviewing and Interrogation - 07/2003
- Front Range Community College (Associates degree) - 05/1998 with honors

### **ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS**

- Criminal Defense Investigation Training Council

### **PROFESSIONAL / EXPERT CONSULTING RELATIONSHIPS**

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



### **CERTIFICATIONS**

- Certified Criminal Defense Investigator (Criminal Defense Investigation Training Council), 08/2011
- Certified Medicolegal Death Investigator (Larimer County Medical Examiner)

### **ARTICLES & WHITE PAPERS AND COURSE DEVELOPMENT**

- Gangs – The Ties That Bind (08/2010)
- Suicide – One of the Toughest Deaths to Understand (09/2010)
- Medicolegal Death Investigation 8hr Continuing Education, online – [www.PIEducation.com](http://www.PIEducation.com); [www.MedicolegalDeathInvestigations.com](http://www.MedicolegalDeathInvestigations.com).