

NCISS Elections, Awards and News - AFI-LLC Newsletter - April 2018

4/2/2018

(<http://www.deathcasereview.com/afi-llc-newsletters/nciss-elections-awards-and-news-afi-llc-newsletter-april-2018#comments>)

Associates in Forensic Investigations, LLC
Personal Injury, Negligence & Death
Civil - Criminal - Probate

Dean A. Beers, CLU, CCDI, CFI-FTER*
Karen S. Beers, BSW, CCDI, CFI-FTER

*Certified Legal Investigator / Expert
Certified Criminal Defense Investigators
Certified Forensic Interviewers - FIER
Certified in Medicolegal Death Investigations
Expert Consultants & Licensed Legal Investigators

(970) 480-7793 +TXT
Associates@DeathCaseReview.com
www.LicensedLegalInvestigators.com

CO PI2.050 and PI2.019
Cheyenne WY 31146

beersda@DeathCaseReview.com
beersks@DeathCaseReview.com

A Rocky Mountain West Agency

Quaero Indicium - Find the Evidence - with PRIDE
Professional Reliable Investigators Defining Excellence

(<http://www.deathcasereview.com/afi-llc-newsletters.html>)

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

1987 - 2017

(<http://www.deathcasereview.com>)



(<http://www.nciss.org>)

This year's NCISS Annual Meeting also marked the end of Dean's tenure as the Board Chairman. As a Past President, he is a permanent member of the NCISS Board. Dean has been asked to serve as the Chair of the Conference Committee, and the Nominating Committee, and to continue as the Editor of the NCISS media - primarily The Your Advocate magazine newsletter, and The eAdvocate e-newsletter.

Dean has served as a Director or Officer since 2011 - Regional Director, Secretary, 3rd-1st Vice President, President, and Boar Chairman. To his

Wife, who was both supportive and hardworking behind the scenes, and his colleagues - on the NCISS Board and the national membership - he extends his most heartfelt appreciation and thanks! Colorado has one of the smallest associations; however, the footprint is in the top five and competes with the largest state associations. To those holding the reins of NCISS, and PPIAC, Dean extends both his congratulations and support.

- Professional Private Investigators Association of Colorado (Past VP of Membership and Past Board Chairman; Legislative Committee) - www.PPIAC.org (<http://www.ppiac.org>)

- National Council of Investigation & Security Services - www.NCISS.org (<http://www.nciss.org>)

Dean and Karen also serve on the Education Committee of the National Association of Legal Investigators (www.NALI.com (<http://www.nali.com>)); Dean is also on the Certified Legal Investigator Committee. Karen is the Administrative Manager and Dean is the Governor of the Americas for the World Association of Detectives (www.WAD.net (<http://www.wad.net>)).

Dean and Karen are active in other associations with memberships and committees. Please visit www.DeathCaseReview.com/principals-bios.html (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/principals-bios.html>)

The NCISS 2018 Annual Meeting and Hit the Hill - Success and Fun!

The planning and attendance of each Annual Meeting and Hit the Hill event starts early - from choosing a venue to lining up volunteer training speakers, and coordinating special events, elections and awards. Each year is fun and unique.

This year presented a special opportunity and exceptional honor for NCISS - the presentation of our highest honor, the John J. Duffy Memorial Achievement Award to US Capitol Police Special Agents David Bailey and Crystal Griner. They were assigned to the personal (afi-llc-blog.html)

protection detail of House Majority Whip, Rep. Steve Scalise, when on June 14, 2017 during a practice at a nearby softball field, an active shooter began firing upon several attending Senators and Representatives - critically wounding Rep. Scalise, and being injured themselves. Despite being outgunned, Special Agents Bailey and Griner directed their return fire and took out the shooter. Their actions saved lives and prevented what would have been the massacre.

Our special thanks to the US Capitol Police, US Capitol House and Senate Sergeant at Arms, Offices of Sen. Chuck Grassley and Sen. Jeff Flake, Offices of Rep. Steve Scalise and Rep. David Young, and members Brad Duffy, Wes



Welcome!

Beginning December 2016 we are posting our newsletters here. It will take a couple months to transition our archived newsletters to here. Please email us with any questions and suggestions - associates@DeathCaseReview.com (<mailto:associates@DeathCaseReview.com>)

(970) 480-7793

Associates in Forensic Investigations
9704807793

1 QD 2 ABC 3 DEF
4 GHI 5 JKL 6 MNO
7 PQRS 8 TUV 9 WXYZ
* P 0 + # INI

(/contact-us.html)

Subscribe (<https://goo.gl/n4RE1>)

2010-2016 Archives (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/news/2010-2016-archives.htm>)

Archives:

April 2018 (afi-llc-newsletters/archives/04-2018)
March 2018 (afi-llc-newsletters/archives/03-2018)
February 2018 (afi-llc-newsletters/archives/02-2018)
January 2018 (afi-llc-newsletters/archives/01-2018)
December 2017 (afi-llc-newsletters/archives/12-2017)
November 2017 (afi-llc-newsletters/archives/11-2017)
October 2017 (afi-llc-newsletters/archives/10-2017)
September 2017 (afi-llc-newsletters/archives/09-2017)
August 2017 (afi-llc-newsletters/archives/08-2017)
July 2017 (afi-llc-newsletters/archives/07-2017)
June 2017 (afi-llc-newsletters/archives/06-2017)
May 2017 (afi-llc-newsletters/archives/05-2017)
April 2017 (afi-llc-newsletters/archives/04-2017)
March 2017 (afi-llc-newsletters/archives/03-2017)
February 2017 (afi-llc-newsletters/archives/02-2017)
January 2017 (afi-llc-newsletters/archives/01-2017)
December 2016 (afi-llc-newsletters/archives/12-2016)



(<https://www.facebook.com/4N6Associates>)

Bearden, Dean Beers, Terry Myer, and Francie Koehler for their assistance in bringing this ceremony and luncheon together.

We have more details at our latest commentary - NCISS 2018 Annual Meeting and Hit the Hill at www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/nciss-2018-annual-meeting-and-hit-the-hill (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/afi-llc-blog/nciss-2018-annual-meeting-and-hit-the-hill>)

A little background on planning the presentation of The Duffy Award

The NCISS Conference Committee was tasked with organizing the Annual Meeting and Hit the Hill event, which included the usual meetings, elections, and luncheon for the awards and installation of officers and directors, and training sessions. This year the unique task of working with the US Capitol Police to present the Duffy Award proved challenging - right up until literally the last minute.

First, there was permission for Special Agents Crystal Griner and David Bailey to receive the award (as a non-profit association, this was granted - awards cannot be accepted from for-profit groups). Then there was assuring the recipients could attend the event in their honor - due to their roles with the Congressional protection unit, it was unknown - and could not be disclosed - what their schedule would be. During this, it was also important to invite those Senators and Representatives at the softball field that day, June 14, 2017, to the event - and make sure Rep. Steve Scalise could attend and give the presentation. Although this process started in early January - these pieces did not fall into place until about two weeks before the event. As these were being worked out, we were bumped from our room in the House Visitors Center inside the US Capitol - and both invitations and press releases had been sent. Quickly, our President-Elect, Brad Duffy, worked with Senator Grassley's office to get a room in Senate Visitors Center side. In the mean time, 3rd Vice-President-Elect Wes Bearden was working with Rep. Scalise's office.

In the final two weeks, it was learned the award itself could not be presented in the US Capitol building - it had to be outside the building (due to Senate rules). Waivers were requested - but government moves slow. Plans were made to have the 'recognition' inside, and the 'presentation' outside. After receiving confirmation the recipients would be attending, confirmation from others attending were also received. Just days before, the waiver to have the presentation inside was received, thanks to attending Senator Jeff Flake's office. That same day, we learned the same Senate rules prohibited any photography or videography inside any Senate Visitors Center rooms. That day, Brad Duffy again worked with Senator Grassley's office to get a waiver and it was granted within an hour. Everything was falling in place and it was down to the regular details of catering and security. The Friday before NCISS met in our Nation's capital - all had been done that could be done. Tuesday, March 20th, was the big day for this event.

As part of this event, Dean had scheduled a meeting with Senator Gardner's office, accompanied by 1st Vice President-Elect Andrea Orozco. We arranged to be escorted underground from the office building to the US Capitol for the luncheon. Did you know there is a 'train' from each of the six Congressional office buildings to the US Capitol? Its more like a large roller coaster to transport staff quickly. It was rainy pretty heavy, and with restrictions on sizes of packages into the US Capitol, it helped with bringing the awards (very large) to the presentation. Except -- Dean forgot the awards at the hotel debriefing. Another member brought them in a 'carry on bag' - but those are not permitted in the US Capitol. As dignitaries from Congress and the US Capitol Police began sitting and eating lunch - we had no awards, they were stopped at the US Capitol building security - by the US Capitol Police. Well, the one person that could approve this was Chief Matthew Verderosa - who (pictured above) was sitting at the head table. A quick phone call and all was taken care of, just minutes before the keynote by Rep. David Young was to begin.

For special video and details of this presentation, please visit our updated commentary NCISS 2018 Annual Meeting and Hit the Hill at www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/nciss-2018-annual-meeting-and-hit-the-hill (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/afi-llc-blog/nciss-2018-annual-meeting-and-hit-the-hill>)

IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

- The NCISS 2018 Annual Meeting and Hit the Hill - Success and Fun!
- A little background on planning the presentation of The Duffy Award
- New Commentary - NCISS 2018 Annual Meeting and Hit the Hill
- Commentary from the archives of AFI-LLC
- Scene Investigations - Conducting vs. Completing the Investigative Process
- What circumstances benefit from AFI-LLC consultations?
- What are Equivocal Death Investigations and Analysis?
- The Question of Suicide
- Use DropBox to Backup Photos
- Now Available - "Death and Serious Bodily Injury Investigation for the Professional Investigator"
- Case Studies from our Agency
- Homicide and Aggravated Assault Charges (Expert Consultation)
- Domestic Relations Settlement Offer Reduced (by nearly 85%) - (Legal Investigation)
- Time is Money! Efficiency and Multi-Tasking Tips for PIs
- Global Investigators Media Group (GIMG.tv) Facts & Forensics
- Cell Phone Call and Tower Mapping - Robert Wyman
- Tidbits From Our Profession
- Associations and News
- News From Our Profession
- Life Safety Issue for all PIs
- CDITC Newsletter
- SCOTUS Decision - Lack of Investigative Services-Ineffective Counsel Case
- Stop Competing and Start Collaborating
- Legislative News You Can Use... from NCISS
- The Quint-Essential Qualities of a Professional Investigator
- IN CLOSING...

Keep up with news of our agency and profession!

Quick Links:

- About AFI-LLC (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/about-afi.html>)
- Death and Injury Causation (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/death-injury-causation.html>)
- AFI-LLC Blog (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/afi-llc-blog.html>)
- Affiliated Experts (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/affiliated-experts.html>)
- AFI-LLC in the Media (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/afi-llc-in-media.html>)
- Contact AFI-LLC (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/contact-us.html>)
- Investigative Resources (<http://amazon.privateinvestigations.org/>)
- Investigative Training (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/training.html>)

(<http://www.thecraftgroup.org>)



(<https://twitter.com/4N6Associates>)



Dean - LinkedIn
(<https://www.linkedin.com/in/forensicinvestigators>)

Karen - LinkedIn
(<https://www.linkedin.com/in/karen-beers-8070a836>)

**Tools for the
Litigation Attorney and
Professional Investigator**
(click images for details)



(<http://www.deathcasereview.com/contact-us.html>) A. Beers, CLI CCDI CFI-FTER and Karen S. Beers, BSW CCDI CFI-FTER.

Associates in Forensic Investigations LLC

Rocky Mountain West Agency owned by Dean Beers, BSW CCDI CFI-FTER.

We provide Expert Consultations and Legal Investigations of Personal Injury, Negligence & Death in Civil, Criminal and Probate litigation.

We are Subject Matter Experts in Equivocal Death Investigation and Analysis, Medicolegal Investigations of Death and Serious Bodily Injury.

Based in the Rocky Mountain West, we provide expert consultations nationally. Learn details at www.DeathCaseReview.com (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/>)

Commentary from the blog archives of AFI-LLC

www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog.html

(<http://www.deathcasereview.com/afi-llc-blog.html>)



(<http://www.deathcasereview.com/afi-llc-blog.html>)

Keep up with the current events of our agency and profession through our blog. Dating back to the fall of 2011, there are dozens of articles, tips and resources for professional investigators.

Scene Investigations - Conducting vs. Completing the Investigative Process (02/29/2013)

Even if at first it appears that the case does not require a visit to the scene, if you have the opportunity, it is always recommended to go back where the event first began. Whether the case involves a death, a motor vehicle accident, or some type of crime, take the extra time, go that extra mile and visit the scene. You might be surprised once you visit the scene to find out that something could not have occurred the way the witness, victim or police officer claims. It is best not to rely on others to do the work you need to do yourself. You are the investigator, and someone is depending on you to see, hear, and get an overall feel of what the scene was like.

-- continued at www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/best-of-2012-scene-investigations (<http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/best-of-2012-scene-investigations>)

What circumstances benefit from AFI-LLC consultations? (02/25/2013)

The experts at AFI-LLC have experience in all of manners of death and serious bodily injury cases. These may include civil, criminal and probate litigation or simply answers and closure for the family. We will provide a no-fee initial consultation to review your case. We may provide a no-fee review of the circumstances to determine if we can accept your case. We provide services to private investigators, attorneys, insurance companies and families. To begin finding answers today -- call now.

-- continued at www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/what-circumstances-benefit-from-afi-llc-consultations (<http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/what-circumstances-benefit-from-afi-llc-consultations>)

What are Equivocal Death Investigations and Analysis? (02/26/2013)

What does it mean to conduct an Equivocal Death Investigation or Analysis (EDI, EDA)? We get asked this question time and time again. An Equivocal Death Investigation is an in depth investigation into a death that has lingering questions. Many families have come to us for help in understanding the circumstances surrounding a loved one's death. The manners of death can be classified as any of the following: homicide, suicide, natural, accident or undetermined. Sometimes the family/loved one of the deceased individual does not agree with the final determination and have a yearning for more answers.

-- continued at www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/what-are-equivocal-death-investigations-and-analysis (<http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/what-are-equivocal-death-investigations-and-analysis>)

New AFI-LLC article posted - The Question of Suicide (Karen S. Beers, BSW, CCDI - 03/18/2013)

From Voltaire, "To the living we owe respect. To the dead we owe only the truth." That is the purpose of an Equivocal Death Analysis and Investigation (EDA or EDI); collectively referred to as equivocal death case review. One of the most common questions in death investigation is: "Was it a Suicide?" This question may often go unanswered due to lack of sufficient official investigation or attention to evidence. This leaves the possibility of closure for the families impossible, particularly if foul play is suspected, or even an accident. The wrong determination can also result in benefits, such as life insurance or workers' compensation, underpaid - or worse, denied.

-- continued at www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/new-afi-llc-article-posted-the-question-of-suicide

(<http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/new-afi-llc-article-posted-the-question-of-suicide>) **Use DropBox to Backup Photos** (05/13/2013)

Technology continues to advance how we act - and preserve - our everyday lives and businesses. One computer program or computer application can change how we manage and complete tasks. Multiple programs and applications complementing each other defines true multi-tasking.

One such seamless and beneficial tool is from DropBox. Many are familiar with DropBox - the storing of data - large files such as photos and videos - on a cloud, or offsite server - for free (there is a fee for larger storage allowances). That's the old DropBox.

-- continued at www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/use-dropbox-to-backup-photos (<http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/use-dropbox-to-backup-photos>)



(<http://www.deathcasereview.com/affiliated-experts.html>)

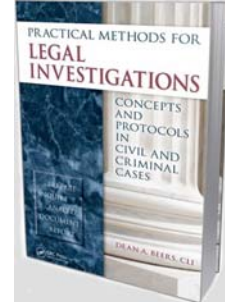
Expert Affiliations

We believe that medicolegal investigation and consultation is a team



(<http://www.investigativecourses.com>)

Learn Basics of Death and SBI Investigations



(<http://www.practicalmethodsforslegalinvestigations.com>)

Buy the book - Practical Methods for Legal Investigations!



(<http://www.my007spy.com>)

Lawmate USA Covert Cameras, GPS, and TSCM Equipment - lowest retail prices and you may qualify for an additional 10% discount!



Distance learning - Ethics (FREE), Forensic Photography, Locates & Backgrounds, and MORE!

[ProfessionalLocateInvestigations.com](http://www.professionallocateinvestigations.com)



[CertifiedLocateSpecialist.com](http://www.certifiedlocate.com) (<http://www.professionallocateinvestigations.com/>)

Buy the book - Professional Locates, Backgrounds and Assets & Liabilities



(<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/helinvestigators/join>)
Join the Investigators on Yahoo Groups!

effort. Stephen Cina MD and Harold Schueler PhD are our agency affiliated experts in our respective fields offering our clients comprehensive medicolegal services.

Dr. Cina, based in Colorado, is the former Chief Medical Examiner of Cook County IL, and now provides contract and independent forensic autopsies and consultations.

Dr. Schueler is now a professor at mid-Atlantic university, and is the former Chief Forensic Toxicologist of a large mid-Atlantic metropolitan area.

Contact our office to consult on medicolegal death and injury causation. The CVs of both Dr. Cina and Dr. Schueler are available by Contacting Us

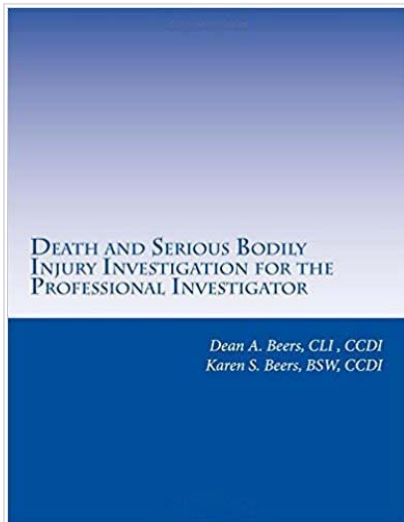
We are proud of our working relationship with Dr. Cina, since 2002 and Dr. Schueler since 2010.

NEW Expert Affiliations!

We have recently reached out to some of our fellow expert friends and asked them to join our Affiliated Experts Referral Program! Each are available nationally.

- Forensic Nursing
- Forensic Photography
- Digital Forensics - Cell Phones
- Digital Forensics - Computers
- Digital Forensics - GPS / Vehicles
- Forensic Debugging / Technical Surveillance Countermeasures

Contact our office for more details and a direct referral.



(<https://fali.site-ym.com/store/ViewProduct.aspx?id=8948697>)



(<https://fali.site-ym.com/store/ViewProduct.aspx?id=8948697>)

Latest book available...

"Death and Serious Bodily Injury Investigation for the Professional Investigator"

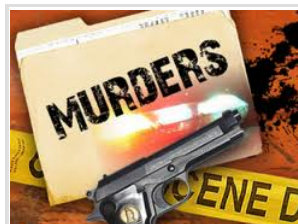
FALI is offering, for a limited time, our latest - and very detailed book (over 200 pages) on Investigating Death & Serious Bodily Injuries for civil or criminal cases, "Death and Serious Bodily Injury Investigation for the Professional Investigator," by Dean & Karen Beers.

These are for a limited time! The guide is under revision and will be released Spring 2018 for \$95 - save 1/3 off the price now at just \$70, including shipping with 50% net proceeds going to FALI!

<https://fali.site-ym.com/store/ViewProduct.aspx?id=8948697> (<https://fali.site-ym.com/store/ViewProduct.aspx?id=8948697>)

The manual is over 200 pages and begins with the core of the Beers's distance learning course manual. It includes over 20 additional forensic, death and serious bodily injury based articles.

Case Studies from AFI-LLC
[www.DeathCaseReview.com/sample-cases.html](http://www.deathcasereview.com/sample-cases.html)
(<http://www.deathcasereview.com/sample-cases.html>)



(<http://www.deathcasereview.com/sample-cases.html>)

We are often asked about the



(<http://www.understandingdeathinvestigations.com/>)

Buy the book - A Survivors' Guide to Understanding Death Investigations



(<http://www.privateinvestigations.org>)

Books, Tools and Resources for PIs!

types of traumatic injury and death cases we review - from family equivocal deaths to civil and criminal cases for attorneys and investigators. Each month we will present two previous cases - of hundreds - with a variety of circumstances, evidence, and conclusions.

Homicide and Aggravated Assault Charges (Expert Consultation)

Our most common investigations and consultations involve death and injury causation, and analysis of the integrity of the official investigation and evidence.

Our agency was excited to learn that another extensive criminal defense investigation has materially aided in causing the prosecution to revisit their case and request conferences with defense in the shadows of trial. Having uncovered undisclosed evidence, destroyed evidence, missing evidence, new witnesses and circumstances not disclosed by witnesses - the defense was prepared to call one key expert witness. The prosecution offered an amended charge from First Degree Murder to Second Degree Manslaughter. The prosecution was further compelled to offer the same to the co-defendant under separate legal representation.

This new and relevant information, was material an outcome in the best interests of all involved. The complex case took extensive AFI-LLC team work to review the records and reports provided in disclosure, as well as extensive research. This revealed the relevant evidence (and lack or destruction thereof) which enabled an informed decision making process. The rights and personal integrity of all involved were ultimately protected.

Domestic Relations Settlement Offer Reduced (by nearly 85%) - (Legal Investigation)

In a case that had elements of all the investigative techniques available, our agency was able to uncover material evidence that played a pivotal role in assisting our client in their domestic relations settlement. The opposing party began at \$300,000 (which would have included liquidating real property and retirement assets).

During the settlement conference the opposing party reached \$185,000 and was countered at \$50,000. Announcing they were unprepared to make any decisions, the opposing party discontinued discussions. During the course of the following two months, our agency uncovered several areas of discrepancy in the background of the opposing party. This included false disability claims (*again, Karen found video on a social media site of the opposing party dancing at a town festival, and statements of them being capable of walking over two miles without any mobility aids). Additional information included false information about their military background, financial background, unlawful transfer of assets (using our network of colleagues, one found the vehicle in a rural area based on social media information). Finally, the same efforts in the background found the the opposing party was able-bodied to work. These efforts resulted in a settlement equal to that in discussions two months prior and a preservation of assets.



(<http://www.deathcasereview.com/afi-llc-blog/time-is-money-multi-tasking-is-time-recovered>)

**Time
is
money
!
Learn
how we**

efficiently multi-task using these tools. Visit this article on our blog at www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/time-is-money-multi-tasking-is-time-recovered (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/afi-llc-blog/time-is-money-multi-tasking-is-time-recovered>)!

- DropBox - <http://DropBox.PrivateInvestigations.org> (<http://dropbox.privateinvestigations.org/>)
- Right Inbox for Gmail - www.RightInBox.com (<http://www.rightinbox.com/>)
- Desktop Texting - www.MySMS.com (<http://www.mysms.com/>)
- Ring Central Faxing - <http://Fax.PrivateInvestigations.org> (<http://fax.privateinvestigations.org/>)
- Ring Central VOIP - <http://RingCentral.PrivateInvestigations.org> (<http://ringcentral.privateinvestigations.org/>)
- Toll-Free Numbers - <http://Kall8.PrivateInvestigations.org> (<http://kall8.privateinvestigations.org/>) (PIs - contact our office for more uses)
- Split View - www.SplitView.com (<http://www.splitview.com/>) www.deathcasereview.com/afi-llc-blog/time-is-money-multi-tasking-is-time-recovered (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/afi-llc-blog/time-is-money-multi-tasking-is-time-recovered>)

Global Investigators Media Group (GIMG.tv)

Facts & Forensics

About every other month Dean host a podcast featuring topical information in the areas of legal investigations and forensic investigations. He is joined by his wife and business partner, Karen for 'Conversations with Karen' on special topics of interest. Dean closes each episode with a 'Special Guest' who is an expert in a forensic specialty. Tune in this, and every, month!



(<http://www.gimg.tv>)

All shows are posted at <http://gimg.tv> (<http://gimg.tv/>) - the latest podcast topics include:

Conversations with Karen

Updates on trends and current events from our agency and profession!

Special Guest with Dean

This month - around the 15th of this month, we will be having our good friend and expert consultant (photography and GPS), Robert Wyman, tell us about his most current offering of Cell Phone Call and Tower Mapping!

* Obtaining the subscriber's Call Detail Records via subpoena

- * Contacting the cellular telephone companies ("carriers")
- * Extracting usable data from the Call Detail Records
- * Mapping the cellular telephone towers which have hosted the calls with Google Earth or a mapping program
- * Advanced mapping of each call's directionality from a tower using a Computer Aided Drafting (CAD), mapping or diagramming program
- * Tabulating the Call Detail Records for additional analysis in Excel, including sorting records to uncover common telephone numbers and subscriber relationships
- * Preparing exhibits and illustrations of the call and tower analysis
- * Testimony regarding the accuracy and precision of the mapping effort



(<http://www.deathcasereview.com/contact-us.html>)

Tidbits From Our Profession

Do you have news of your associations and members to share? Please let us know!

The associations conference season is coming to a close. Stay tuned for

upcoming state, national and international association conferences.

JOIN NALI TODAY!

Legal Investigators working cases for civil plaintiff or criminal defense - join the National Association of Legal Investigators! (<http://nalionline.org/become-a-member> (<http://nalionline.org/become-a-member>) - please contact our office and use us as a reference on the application)

ASSOCIATION CONFERENCES

World Association of Detectives

Apr 26th-28th - WAD Mid-Term Meeting in Barcelona Spain
Details at www.wad.net/conferences-events (<http://www.wad.net/conferences-events>)

Florida Association of Licensed Investigators

May 03rd-05th - FALI 2018 Annual Conference in Tampa FL.
Details at www.fali.org/?page=FALICONFERENCE (<http://www.fali.org/?page=FALICONFERENCE>)

California Association of Licensed Investigators

Jun 07th-09th - CALI 50th Annual Conference in Long Beach CA.
Details at www.cali-pi.org/2018-conference (<http://www.cali-pi.org/2018-conference>)

Texas Association of Licensed Investigators

Aug 22nd-25th - TALI 2018 Annual Conference in Lake Conroe TX.
Details at www.tali.org (<http://www.tali.org>)

Osmosis

Oct 07th-09th - Osmosis Annual Conference in Las Vegas NV.
Details at www.osmosiscon.com (<http://www.osmosiscon.com/>)

National Council of Investigation & Security Services

Mid-Term Meeting is being planned and will be held this fall.
Details Coming Soon!

Associations and News

Professional Private investigations

Association of Colorado (www.PPIAC.org) (<http://ppiac.org/>) Monthly meetings, including a training speaker, are the first Wednesday of each month, usually in the Denver metro area. PPIAC continues to hold specialized training sessions for new and veteran investigators, and also specific to the new licensing program.



(<http://www.ppiac.org/>)

PS - be sure and visit the new and updated site for PPIAC!

National Association of Legal Investigators (www.NALI.com) (<http://www.nali.com/>)

NALI is the premier association for legal investigators for civil plaintiff and criminal defense, and oversees the prestigious Certified Legal Investigator (CLI) program. Experience is required to join and all members are subject to a background check.

Legal Investigators working cases for civil plaintiff or criminal defense - join the National Association of Legal Investigators! (<http://nalionline.org/become-a-member> (<http://nalionline.org/become-a-member>) - please contact our office and use us as a reference on the application)

The current issue of NALI's official journal - The Legal Investigator - is now available online at www.nalionline.org/publications.htm (<http://www.nalionline.org/publications.htm>)

National Council of Investigation and Security Services (www.NCISS.org) (<http://www.nciss.org/>)

Each day we find an increasing number of problems confronting the orderly growth of our profession. These problems include, among others: overly restrictive legislation regarding training and standards, proliferation of legislation requiring local licensing, public misunderstanding and misinformation on the role and contribution of private investigators and security services, and an uninformed media. It is the role of NCISS to meet and solve these problems while seeking to uncover and recommend action on any hidden potential problems which may have an effect on our profession.

The current issue of NCISS's official journal - Your Advocate - is available online at www.nciss.org/your-advocate (<http://www.nciss.org/your-advocate>)

Special news and alerts are at www.nciss.org/important-nciss-news (<http://www.nciss.org/important-nciss-news>)

NCISS 2018 Elections of Officers and Directors:

(www.nciss.org/officers-directors) (<http://www.nciss.org/officers-directors>)

At the Annual Meeting, held March 19 th , NCISS held its Annual Meeting and Hit the Hill event in Washington DC. As part of the Annual Meeting, elections were held and awards presented.

Officers (serving one-year terms):

- President - Brad Duffy
- 1st VP - Andrea Orozco
- 2nd VP - Chris Reynolds
- 3rd VP - Wes Bearden
- Treasurer - Candace Ivey
- Secretary - Mark Gillespie
- Board Chairman - Terry Myer

Regional and At Large Directors (serving alternating two-year terms)

Mark Gillespie (Region 4 – AL-AR- MO-LA- MS-NM- OK-TN- TX)

Michael Julian (Region 6 – AK-CA- HI-ID- MT-OR- NV-WA)

Tim Gilbert (appointed to Region 1 – IL-IN- MI-KY- OH-PA- WV)

At Large Directors – Dean Gluth and Tawni Tyndall

Awards

(www.nciss.org/awards) (<http://www.nciss.org/awards>)

- John J. Duffy Memorial Achievement Award - US Capitol Police Special Agents Crystal Griner and David Bailey
- Wayne J. Wunder Memorial Award - Andrea Orozco
- Vinson Award- Brandy Lord

World Association of Detectives ([www.WAD.net](http://www.wad.net))

W.A.D. is a global alliance of investigators and security professionals with origins dating back to 1921 and formalized in 1925. W.A.D. is the longest established and largest association of its kind in the world.

Karen is the W.A.D. Administrative Manager, and Dean is the Governor of the Americas (North, Central and South America). Together we work to further the mission of W.A.D. and provide resources to clients needing assistance in these regions. The W.A.D. magazine,

The current issue of WAD's official newsletter - Beyond Global - is available online at www.wad.net/newsletters-beyond-global (<http://www.wad.net/newsletters-beyond-global>)

Additional memberships include FALI, TALI and CALI state associations, as well as specialty specific national associations (see right sidebar). *If your association has news, please send it to us for inclusion in our newsletter.*



News From Our Profession

Life Safety Issue for all PI's (EDIT –

(<http://www.deathcasereview.com/contact-us.html>) ADD NCISS RESOLUTION / IN CONTRACT]

A member of the Colorado association, PPIAC, received the below information about a stalker who is trying to locate a victim who is in hiding. Please be aware

WHO you are working for:

The caller was interested in locating a woman who had worked for him some years ago - he sounded like potential stalker. After he provided he had on this particular woman and identifiers about him, address etc. The subject was located and the PI spent an hour with the woman on the telephone.

Yes he is a stalker, the woman had been held captive for about three years in the basement of several homes he owned in the Denver metro area. Law enforcement had been to the locations on several occasions, he told her he would kill her if she made any noise. He beat and raped her on numerous occasions.

After making her escape she stayed at a women's shelter in another city, away from the Denver metro area, then moved to her present location. This was not the first call the stalker made to a PI, and was not the first time he was told him to take a hike. The fear every professional investigator (PI) has is the stalker will continue to attempt to hire any PI to locate their intended victim. She was grateful for the phone call.

Stalker calls are frequent to all of us in this line of work - we can sniff me out easily. This call and actions of the PI, and a bit of time and money, likely saved this victim from being re-victimized.

NCISS' POSITION ON HANDLING LOCATE REQUESTS (www.nciss.org/code-of-ethics) (<http://www.nciss.org/code-of-ethics>) - adopted by NCISS Board of Directors on 9/12/2008)

A member shall, prior to providing a person any personally identifying or location information of an individual, conduct appropriate due diligence to ensure that the person has a legitimate business or legal interest in obtaining that information. When such due diligence is not possible or appropriate, or if the person appears to not have a legal or business interest, the person shall be informed that their contact information will be provided to the subject they are seeking and the personal identifying information of the subject they are seeking will only be provided to the person if that party consents.

Criminal Defense Investigation Training Council Newsletter [EDIT / LINK / ADD TO ASSOCIATIONS NEWSLETTERS SECTION ALSO]

As members, and Dean a Faculty Advisor, for the CDITC, we are proud to share their first Issue of the CDITC Newsletter, [Due Process Defender!](#)

www.cditctraining.com/images/CDITC_Newsletter_1_.pdf (http://www.cditctraining.com/images/CDITC_Newsletter_1_.pdf)

SCOTUS Decision - Lack of Investigative Services-Ineffective Counsel Case

On March 21, the U.S. Supreme Court delivered a unanimous opinion on the need for providing investigative services wherein the petitioner claimed ineffective counsel. The 33-page decision written by Justice Alito should be of interest to our investigative colleagues handling criminal defense. It concluded:

In sum, Ayestas (petitioner) has made a strong showing that he is entitled to §3599(f) funding. As the Court notes, the statute affords district courts some discretion in these funding determinations, even where a petitioner shows the services are "reasonably necessary." Ante, at 17–18. Exercise of that discretion may be appropriate if there is a showing of gamesmanship or where the State has provided funding for the same investigation services, as Ayestas conceded at argument. See Tr. of Oral Arg. 13. Nonetheless, the troubling failures of counsel at both the trial and state postconviction stages of Ayestas' case are exactly the types of facts that should prompt courts to afford investigatory services to ensure that trial errors that go to a "bedrock principle in our justice system" do not go unaddressed. Martinez, 566 U. S., at 12.

Case: 16-679-Ayestas AKA Zelaya Corea v. Davis, Director, Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice et al

www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/17pdf/16-6795_c9dh.pdf (https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/17pdf/16-6795_c9dh.pdf)

Stop Competing and Start Collaborating

Below is a link to an article written by PPIAC member, and board member, Sam Pelitto. The article discusses the benefits of working with other investigators in your area and can apply to small communities like Durango, as well as large metro areas like Denver. This is a great article which highlights the benefits of networking and getting to know your fellow investigators.

<http://pursuitemag.com/stop-competing-and-start-collaborating> (<http://pursuitemag.com/stop-competing-and-start-collaborating>)

Legislative News You Can Use... from NCISS

Its been very quiet for the investigation and security professions in Congress and regulatory agencies. That's a good thing - for now. We must always be prepared.

One way we do that is to personally visit our Senators and Representatives every

year - and stay in contact with them throughout the year. We also stay in touch with our members.

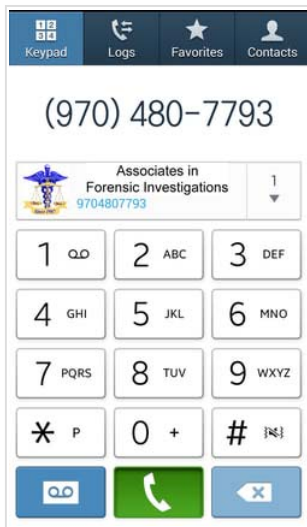


(<http://www.nciss.org/important-nciss-news>)

PS - be sure and catch the latest NCISS Digital Your Advocate at <http://nciss.org/your-advocate-february-2018>

(<http://nciss.org/your-advocate-february-2018>)

To stay current, please visit www.nciss.org/important-nciss-news (<http://www.nciss.org/important-nciss-news>)



(<http://www.deathcasereview.com/contact-us.html>)

The Quint-Essential Qualities of a Professional Investigator

Skills Appropriate for the Assignment

Law firms and medical offices specialize - Professional Investigators also specialize.

Their casework and continuing education should also be in your specialized areas.

Experience and Knowledge

Professional Investigators strive to maintain and further these. All professions have requirements of continuing education. The CLI and CCDI programs both require extensive compliance with continuing education.

Responsible and Ethical Conduct

Every component of the investigation has evidentiary considerations. Professional Investigators hold themselves to a higher

standard and leaves no question as to the admissibility of their evidence. Information without ethics is not evidence.

Effective Communication

Professional Investigators maintain communication with the attorney, client, witnesses, and other key persons in the investigation. Moreover, reports are the product of an organized investigation and should reflect the work product you expect.

Keyword - 'Professional'

Honesty, Integrity & Intelligence. These define Professional Investigators and gives you the confidence that your case is in competent and skilled hands.

Associates in Forensic Investigations, LLC

Specializes in the Expert Consultations and Legal Investigations of Personal Injuries, Negligence and Death in Civil, Criminal and Probate litigation.



(<http://www.deathcasereview.com/about-us.html>)

We provide investigations and consultations of any death or serious bodily injury case nationwide with the conveniences of modern technology and assistance of our local professional friends and colleagues.

In addition, we continue to provide Individual Locates, Backgrounds and Assets & Liabilities for your Civil, Criminal, Probate and Domestic Relations litigation. Additional information at www.DeathCaseReview.com/general-services.html (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/general-services.html>)

Call us today, we're glad to help!

Experience the PRIDE of Associates in Forensic Investigations, LLC - *Professional Reliable Investigators Defining Excellence* in every assignment.

With appreciation,

Dean A. Beers, CLI CCDI CFI-FTER* and Karen S. Beers, BSW CCDI CFI-FTER*
Associates in Forensic Investigations, LLC - Associates@DeathCaseReview.com

Colorado (970) 480-7793 - Dean x1 and Karen x2 - Voice / TXT

**Certified Criminal Defense Investigators ~ Certified Forensic Interviewers / Forensic Testimonial Evidence Recovery ~ Certified in Medicolegal Death Investigations*



(<http://www.medicolegalinvestigation.com>) at

IN CLOSING... We are honored to provide legal investigations for 30 years! Visit our updated agency website

www.MedicolegalInvestigations.com

(<http://www.medicolegalinvestigation.com>)

- Legal Investigations - Civil, Criminal & Probate - Pre-Litigation & Litigation

- Expert Consultations and Medicolegal Investigations of Death & SBI
- Individual Locates, Backgrounds, and Assets & Liabilities
- Estate Heirs, Relatives and Next-of-Kin

We specialize in helping other PIs and attorneys assisting families. Contact our agency any time – we're there when you need us.

Not receiving our newsletter and update in your inbox? **Click to Subscribe Now!** (<https://goo.gl/n4RE1>)

www.LicensedLegalInvestigators.com

Personal Injury, Negligence & Death
Civil, Criminal & Probate
(888) 281-6912

(<http://www.licensedlegalinvestigators.com/>)

www.EquivocalDeathInvestigation.com

Specializing in helping other PIs and attorneys assisting families
(888) 281-6912

PIs - clients save up to \$250 and you earn up to \$250 referral fee!

(<http://www.equivocaldeathinvestigation.com/>)

Are you a member of your state association, NALI, NCISS, WAD, CDITC, or NRA - active or retired military or law enforcement?

Email info@My007Spy.com for a discount code and save another 10%!



(<http://www.my007spy.com/>)

Always 10% off retail, with additional professional discounts! Visit www.My007Spy.com

(<http://www.my007spy.com/>)

or email info@My007Spy.com NOW!

We are excited to announce we are now an authorized retailer for LawMate USA for DVRs, Digital Audio Recorders, Batteries and Accessories, Body Worn Cameras, Nanny Cams, Personal Cams, Car and Travel Cams, Home Office Cams, and Counter Surveillance products!

We have also added the most popular Paraben Digital Forensic Recovery Sticks for iPhones, Android, PC, Chat, Images, and more!

Follow us on Facebook for exclusive weekly discounts - www.facebook.com/My007Spy
(<http://www.facebook.com/my007spy/>)!

The advertisement for InvestigativeCourses.com has a dark, grid-patterned background. At the top, the text 'INVESTING IN YOUR FUTURE' is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, the text 'Offering Continuing Education Resources for Investigations' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Underneath, there is a bulleted list of three items: '- Distance Learning Video On-Demand', '- Distance Learning Correspondent', and '- Books, Articles and Resources'. At the bottom of the advertisement, the website address 'www.InvestigativeCourses.com' is written in a white, sans-serif font.

(<http://www.investigativecourses.com/>)

Our agency has developed, and shared those developed by professional colleagues, distance learning courses valuable to you in continuing education credits, expanding your skills and knowledge - and services you can provide clients.