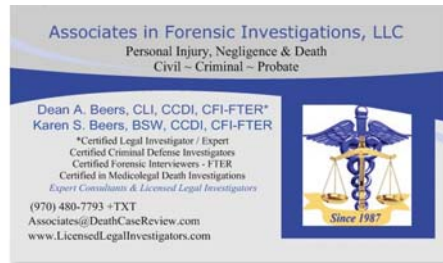


## Ethics and Morals - AFI-LLC Newsletter - March 2018

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### PI Ethics and Morals

In April of 2014 our friends at PursuitMag.com published our 'Legal Pitfalls, Ethical Perils, and Moral Quandaries for Professional Investigators' at <http://pursuitmag.com/ethical-legal-moral-private-investigators> (<http://pursuitmag.com/ethical-legal-moral-private-investigators>). This is as timely now, as then - and is perpetually relevant.

As professional investigators, we have certain legal, ethical, and moral obligations. The problem is: not everybody agrees on what those are.

For apprentice investigators and veterans alike, our legal obligations lie at the foundation of everything we do. But ethical and moral professional behavior reside in murkier areas, with very unclear boundaries.

You can also download our FREE Ethics Book for PIs and Attorneys. The value and importance of our professional ethics cannot be overstated. Ethics are often seen as morals, they are not, though one will impact the other. Morals behavioral guides that are personal and individualistic. Ethics are rules of behavior for an individual through a group – such as an association or profession.

<http://www.privateinvestigations.org/1/post/2013/03/free-ethics-book-for-pis-and-attorneys.html>  
(<http://www.privateinvestigations.org/1/post/2013/03/free-ethics-book-for-pis-and-attorneys.html>).

We also highly recommend the latest, 3rd Edition, of our friend Kitty Hailey's book - "*Code of Professional Conduct*" at [www.kittyhailey.com](http://www.kittyhailey.com) (<http://www.kittyhailey.com/>).

### Personal Morals and Professional Ethics (new commentary posted 03/05/2018)

Personal Morals and Professional Ethics – what is the difference? We have written, and given presentations, extensively on professional ethics; including a free distance learning course on ethics in the relationship of the professional investigator and attorney client. One of the few times personal morals comes into the equation is when the issue of moral turpitude is raised – particularly in professional licensing. Moral turpitude refers to an act or behavior which violates the standards of the community". This is about professional investigations – not personal advocacy.

Doing something, or not, based on any scope of one's personal life – is personal.

Doing something, or not, based on business practices – is professional.

### 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) (mailto:associates@DeathCaseReview.com)



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Keep up with news of our agency and profession!

### Quick Links:

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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) (<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)

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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.



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#### Add "Practical Methods for Legal Investigations" to your library! (02/10/2013)

The legal investigator provides checks and balances to ensure that no evidence is being forced upon a theory, and that no theory is being forced upon the evidence. "**Practical Methods for Legal Investigations: Concepts and Protocols in Civil and Criminal Cases**" presents legal investigators with a step-by-step process that reveals how to methodically find and report evidence in every aspect of the investigative process.

-- continued at [www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/add-practical-methods-for-legal-investigations-to-your-library2](http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/add-practical-methods-for-legal-investigations-to-your-library2) (<http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/add-practical-methods-for-legal-investigations-to-your-library2>)

#### S2 Safety & Intelligence for Private Investigators (02/11/2013)

S2 Safety & Intelligence has courses designed for the new and veteran Private Investigator, and specifically for Florida licensing, but also applicable to all states and continuing education.

- About AFI-LLC (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/about-afi.html>)
- Death and Injury Causation (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/death-injury-causation.html>)
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- Contact AFI-LLC (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/contact-us.html>)
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Tools for the  
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(<http://www.investigativecourses.com>)

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(<http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/s2-safety-intelligence-for-private-investigators>)

### Professional Locate Investigations, Backgrounds and Assets & Liabilities (02/13/2013)

This is an expanded and revised update to the 2006 original 'Professional Locate Investigations'. This is a simple, straight to the point, guide to learning to conduct any type of skip tracing investigation, and use those skills and resources to also conduct any type of background records check or investigation, as well as assets & liabilities records check or investigation.

-- continued at [www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/professional-locate-investigations-backgrounds-and-assets-liabilities1](http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/professional-locate-investigations-backgrounds-and-assets-liabilities1) (<http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/professional-locate-investigations-backgrounds-and-assets-liabilities1>)

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

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)  
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### Expert Affiliations

We believe that medicolegal investigation and consultation is a team 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 profession 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

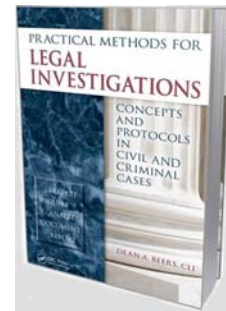
We are proud of our working relationship with Dr. Cina, since 2002 and Dr. Schueler since 2010.

### 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.



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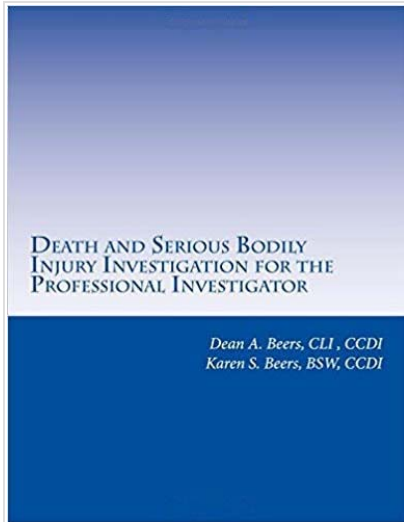


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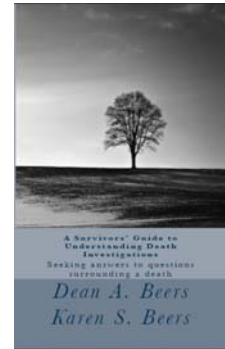
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(<http://www.understandingdeathinvestigations.com/>)

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



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

Books, Tools and Resources for PIs!

### 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!

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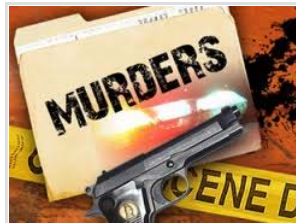
The manual is over 200 pages and begins with the core of the Beers's distance learning course manual. It includes over 20 additional forensic, death and serious bodily injury based articles.

### Case Studies from AFI-LLC

[www.DeathCaseReview.com/sample-cases.html](http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/sample-cases.html)

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We are often asked about the 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.



([sample-cases.html](http://www.deathcasereview.com/sample-cases.html))

### Attempted Homicide and Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon

-- Our agency's most common investigations and consultations involve death and injury causation, and analysis of the integrity of the official investigation and evidence. Two parties were involved, the resident (Defendant – occupant) and his friend (non-occupant).

The friend drove a distance to visit the defendant at his home. They were consuming alcohol and playing video games when an altercations ensued. The non-resident was stabbed with a kitchen knife in the face and chest. Although not fatal, the latter was potentially fatal. While driving himself to the hospital he called 911, and concurrently the resident also did. They each reported the altercation and injuries, but events leading to this were different.

-- Our investigation disputed the victim's allegations and law enforcement evidence – or significant lack thereof.

### Alleged Binding / Restraining (Expert Consultation)

-- Our agency was retained by an attorney to review the official records, reports and photographs of a reported non-assault incident of binding and restraint.

"The reporting victim stated she was bound around her wrists and ankles, then pulled together behind her back (hog tied) with a heavy nylon rope. The rope was missing upon arrival of law enforcement, and the one neighbor she reported to had since passed away. One patrol officer was assigned to investigate and took one picture of the bedroom in which it was reported to have occurred. The room was clean, no disarray and the bed made and undisturbed. The patrol officer also took pictures of injuries the alleged victim described to have occurred. A detective was assigned and photographs of the alleged victim's injuries were taken over a period of days. In the non-custodial interview the defendant asked the detective if he would be arrested - to which he was told he would. The interview continued for over two hours, with no evidence of wrongdoing or dishonesty as to his recollection of events. At the conclusion of the interview he was arrested."

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

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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) (<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) (<http://www.rightinbox.com/>)
- Desktop Texting - [www.MySMS.com](http://www.MySMS.com) (<http://www.mysms.com/>)
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- 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) (<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) (<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**

We will talk about what we have planned for 2018!

#### **Special Guest with Dean**

*This month - around the 15th of this month we will be having our good friend and security consultant / expert, Michael Julian, tell us about his A.L.I.V.E. program and new book!*

#### **10 Minutes To Live: Surviving an Active Shooter Using A.L.I.V.E.**

Just released on Amazon 01/18/2018 -- our friend, and old family connections, gives pointers that has proven to save lives. One couple who survived the Las Vegas mass shooting have openly credited their attendance to an A.L.I.V.E. program just weeks before saved their lives!

*Active shooter mass killings have become a horrible reality in our society and no place is immune to them.*

In his book, Michael Julian, CPI, PPS, CSP shares how essential the appropriate actions you take in the first ten minutes of an active shooting can be for your survival. How every second counts to stay

alive.

Julian provides simple tools to help you in the event you find yourself in this type of scenario. He teaches you how to prepare yourself using a security mindset, and fight through your fear with a survival mindset so you can evaluate your situation and react appropriately.

[www.amazon.com/10-Minutes-Live-Surviving-L-I-V/dp/0692992197](http://www.amazon.com/10-Minutes-Live-Surviving-L-I-V/dp/0692992197) (<http://www.amazon.com/10-Minutes-Live-Surviving-L-I-V/dp/0692992197>)

**Next month** - we will be having our good friend and expert Forensic Photographer and GPS Analyst, Robert Wyman, return!



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### 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

#### **National Council of Investigation & Security Services**

Mar 18th-22nd - NCISS Hit the Hill / Annual Meeting in Washington DC.

Details at [www.nciss.org/2018-hit-the-hill-annual-meeting](http://www.nciss.org/2018-hit-the-hill-annual-meeting) (<http://www.nciss.org/2018-hit-the-hill-annual-meeting>)

#### **Professional Association of Wisconsin Licensed Investigators**

Mar 29th-30th - PAWLI Annual Conference in Wisconsin Rapids WI.

Details at [https://pawli.com/calendar&event\\_id=49](https://pawli.com/calendar&event_id=49) ([https://pawli.com/calendar&event\\_id=49](https://pawli.com/calendar&event_id=49))

#### **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) (<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) (<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) (<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) ([http://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) (<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://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



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

program.

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

**National Association of Legal Investigators** ([www.NALI.com](http://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.

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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) (<http://www.nalionline.org/publications.htm>)

**National Council of Investigation and Security Services** ([www.NCISS.org](http://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) (<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) (<http://www.nciss.org/important-nciss-news>)

*NEW!! Members Only Page - [www.nciss.org/members-only](http://www.nciss.org/members-only) (<http://www.nciss.org/members-only>)  
State Legislation Awareness Monitoring (SLAM), Membership Directory (PDF), Member contributed articles.*

**World Association of Detectives** ([www.WAD.net](http://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) (<http://www.wad.net/newsletters-beyond-global>)

**Additional memberships include FALL, 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

#### **Mennonite witness jailed for contempt in capital case keeps faith**

([contact-us.html](#))

A private investigator who was locked up for refusing to testify in a Colorado death penalty case because it would violate her religious beliefs as a Mennonite said keeping her

behind bars won't change her mind.

"I don't believe that any amount of jail would ever shake my faith," Greta Lindecrantz told reporters Thursday from the Arapahoe County Jail, where she's been held on contempt since Monday.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/da-slams-mennonite-investigator-jailed-contempt-capital->

case-n852456 (<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/da-slams-mennonite-investigator-jailed-contempt-capital-case-n852456>)

*NOTE: this is coming with mixed responses from Colorado's PI community. Is this a professional ethics issue, or a personal moral issue? Can it be both?*

#### **Background Checks and the Fair Credit Reporting Act 15 USC 1681 Revised**

(shared by Eugene Ferraro, CPP, CFE, PCI, SPHR, SHRM-SCP / [www.ForensicPathways.com](http://www.ForensicPathways.com) (<http://www.forensicpathways.com>))

This important federal law affects many aspects of our business operations and service offerings. Enacted in 1970 as a consumer protection bill (focused on assisting those seeking the use everyday credit facilities (i.e. credit cards), the statute has morphed into a morass of red tape which has created a legal minefield for employers of all sizes. This statute has been amended approximately 19 times.

-- [www.ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/guidance/what-employment-background-screening-companies-need-know-about](http://www.ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/guidance/what-employment-background-screening-companies-need-know-about) (<https://www.ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/guidance/what-employment-background-screening-companies-need-know-about>)

#### **ASIS International Announces 2018 Commission on Security Standards and Guidelines**

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ASIS International, the world's largest association of security management professionals, is pleased to announce its 2018 Commission on Standards and Guidelines. The 28-member commission ensures the standards and guidelines development process is voluntary, nonproprietary, and consensus-based, utilizing the knowledge, experience, and expertise of ASIS members and the global security community.

-- continued at [www.ForensicPathways.com/asis-international-announces-2018-commission-on-standards-and-guidelines](http://www.ForensicPathways.com/asis-international-announces-2018-commission-on-standards-and-guidelines) (<http://www.forensicpathways.com/asis-international-announces-2018-commission-on-standards-and-guidelines/>)

#### **Legislative News You Can Use... from NCISS**

##### **Legislative Activity Summary**

##### **GPS / Geolocation Legislation**

Lobbyit's recent activity on behalf of NCISS consisted significantly of preparation for NCISS's 2018 "Hit

the Hill" Congressional fly-in, including updating legislative advocacy materials. Upon Congressman Chaffetz's retirement in late 2017, we hoped the bill would die a quiet death in the House. While prospects for passage are still somewhat remote -- in either Chamber -- this legislation received a new lease on life in the house with its re-introduction by Congressman Blake Farenthold (R-Tx). Like Cong. Chaffetz, Farenthold is considered a more doctrinaire conservative, and the renewed introduction of the legislation gave cause for concern.



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

What does this mean for our professions? Please read the full legislative activity report at <http://conta.cc/2EHB4tF> (<http://conta.cc/2EHB4tF>).

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>)

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