

## Autopsy Options in Litigation - AFI-LLC Newsletter September 2018

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#### When should an expert consultation be considered?

When the crime or wrong involves:

- Violent Death (or SBI)
- Sudden or Unexpected Death (or SBI)
- Unattended Death (or SBI)
- In-Custody Death (or SBI)

*These are serious incidents that may result in serious criminal charges or be a cause of action in a civil or administrative action.*



#### Autopsy Options in Civil and Criminal Litigation

We are often contacted for advice on having an autopsy performed, finding a forensic pathologist, or having our agency and/or forensic pathologist conduct a review of records, reports and photographs in a criminal or civil case for pre- and active litigation. Many find it interesting the options available to them – or not available. The first question to ask is – is the body available for autopsy; and the second is – was an autopsy performed? The only thing that prevents an autopsy is cremation. An autopsy can be performed on an embalmed body, including exhumed weeks to years - even decades - later. Embalming does present issues; however, these are addressed by the forensic pathologist.

Visit [www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/autopsy-options-in-civil-and-criminal-litigation](http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/autopsy-options-in-civil-and-criminal-litigation) (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/afi-llc-blog/autopsy-options-in-civil-and-criminal-litigation>) for details.

#### Reminder: Updates to Agency Information and Principal CVs

We have recently updated information on our primary agency website for services, forms, and CVs.

- About Us - [www.DeathCaseReview.com/about-us.html](http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/about-us.html) (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/about-afi.html>)
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    - Important News updates online
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- IN CLOSING...

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



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### Commentary from the blog archives of AFI-LLC

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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.

#### Homicide or Self Defense (11/16/2014)

*Our agency was contacted by the decedent's family to review the official records, reports and photographs of a homicide by gunshot wound to determine if the evidence and circumstances were consistent and supportive of self-defense, the official findings; or pre-meditated murder, as they believe transpired. It should be noted that the Manner of Death of Homicide, a medical determination, is undisputed – only the legal findings.*

-- continued at [www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/homicide-or-self-defense](http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/homicide-or-self-defense) (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/afi-llc-blog/homicide-or-self-defense>)

#### Requesting Military Records (11/23/2014)

This question comes up frequently, and for our agency it has been some time since doing these regularly. A few things have improved - one area that hasn't is their response. Although frequently recorded with the Clerk & Recorder (or similar) DD214s are considered confidential and available only to the veteran - spouse or other next-of-kin cannot receive a DD214. However, the near equivalent information is available from the Official Military Personnel Files (OMPF).

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#### How to Request and Retrieve Your Tax Records Online (12/04/2014)

The most common question is how to obtain another person's tax records – we'll get to that shortly. First, how to get your or instruct a client how to obtain their own. You can do so online or by mail, dating back approximately 7 years. You will have to directly contact the IRS for more historical records.

-- continued at [www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/how-to-request-and-retrieve-your-tax-records-online](http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/how-to-request-and-retrieve-your-tax-records-online)

#### Our Agency Professional Ethics (12/11/2014)

As Professional Investigators and Expert Consultants we are dedicated to search for factual information through acceptable investigative procedures. It is our purpose to deal honestly, justly and courteously with all whom they come in contact and to practice their profession according to this Code of Ethics.

We share a responsibility for maintaining inviolate the integrity and trust of our profession. In discharging this responsibility, therefore, we pledge our Agency Professional Ethics

-- continued at [www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/professional-ethics](http://www.DeathCaseReview.com/afi-llc-blog/professional-ethics)



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### Expert Forensic Consultant

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

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

Through our colleagues, we also offer direct referrals from our Affiliated Experts Referral Program! Each are available nationally.

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- Forensic Photography
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- AFI-LLC Blog (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/afi-llc-blog.html>)
- Affiliated Experts (<http://www.deathcasereview.com/affiliated-experts.html>)
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- Investigative Resources (<http://amazon.privateinvestigations.org/>)
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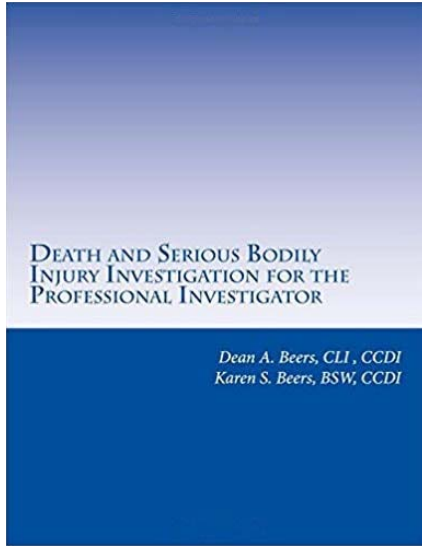
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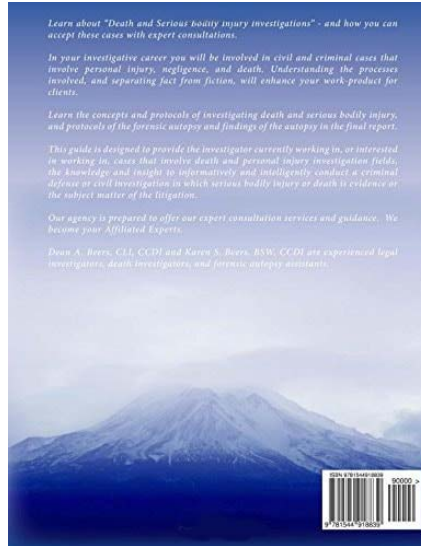
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### "Death and Serious Bodily Injury Investigation for the Professional Investigator"

AFI-LLC is offering 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.

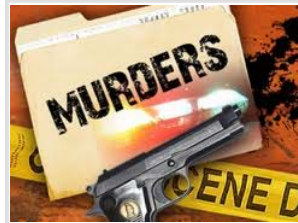
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### Case Studies from AFI-LLC

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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.

### Wrongful Death - Nursing Home Elder Death (Legal and Expert)

Our agency was retained by counsel on behalf of the family to review the medical records and investigate a death reported as suspicious by the funeral home to the family. The funeral home notified the county coroner's office.

Investigation revealed that the coroner's office was given false information by the decedent's nurse. Upon notification by the funeral home, an autopsy and thorough investigation were completed.

The records reflected that the underlying incident was the result of another unsupervised patient forcibly shoving the decedent backwards, causing her to fall and hit her head after landing supine. Her complaints of severe pain continued in the days following, including comfort care pain protocol - Vicodin was ordered, as was an increase in dosage and frequency of morphine. There was some noted concern of oxygen saturation levels below 'Adequate' and nearing 'Inadequate'.

This death, in reviewing only the records, was clearly exacerbated by the incident and the consequential required comfort care protocol. There were also found issues of improper incident documentation, corrective follow-up, family and health board notifications, resident monitoring and enhanced staff training for handling these situations and residents.

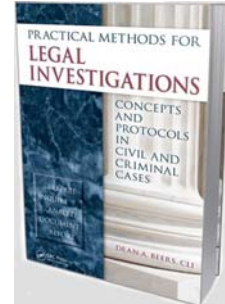
Specific to the circumstances of death, the increased narcotic analgesics due to the incident and severe pain lead to the inability of the decedent to maintain adequate oxygen saturation levels. This exacerbated the inability to metabolize the administered morphine, resulting in the elevated morphine levels found in postmortem toxicology. Investigation also determined that there was inadequate supervision, including staff-to-resident ratio, in the activity room at the time of the incident. There was no previous reported history of intra-resident physical altercations or deaths with unusual or suspicious circumstances. However, there were similar past occurrence reports that

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included issues of oxygen therapy, bowel movement checks and care, intra-resident abuse, etc.

Independent investigation concurred with the official ruling of Accident due to morphine toxicity as a result of a fall.

Case was reported to have settled before trial.

#### Personal Injury - Officer Injury Incident to Response (Legal Investigation)

Our agency was retained by counsel on behalf of the plaintiff, an injured law enforcement officer, who responded to a large bar disturbance. The altercation was at a private wedding reception involving wedding guests. One guest was intoxicated and uncooperative, resulting in being forcibly arrested and causing injury to the Plaintiff.

Investigation included interviewing multiple persons known to have been at the bar, including employees. It was determined that bartenders did willfully and knowingly serve alcohol to visibly intoxicated persons and underage persons. Specifically, the uncooperative person causing injury to the Plaintiff was determined to have been served while visibly intoxicated by multiple bartenders. It was also determined that there was inadequate supervision by the bar, knowing in advance the estimated attendees from the wedding party. Further investigation revealed that there was no consumption of alcohol in advance, nor had any persons interviewed used any prescription or illicit drugs at that time.

Plaintiff was awarded damages at trial.



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- Split View - [www.SplitView.com](http://www.SplitView.com) (<http://www.splitview.com/>)

Be sure and also look for this article on this topic in *The Legal Investigator*, official journal of the National Association of Legal Investigators <http://www.bluetoad.com/publication/?i=495442> (<http://www.bluetoad.com/publication/?i=495442>)!

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##### 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!

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



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September 07th-08th - Annual Conference  
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Details at

[www.aalpi.com/events/conference](http://www.aalpi.com/events/conference)

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#### **Professional Private Investigators Association of Colorado**

September 14th-15th - PPIAC 2018 Rocky Mountain Private Investigators Conference in Breckenridge, CO

Details at [www.PPIAC.org](http://www.PPIAC.org) (<http://www.ppiac.org/>)

#### **Minnesota Association of Private Investigators**

September 26th-27th - Fall Conference in Morton MN

Details at [www.MAPI.org](http://www.MAPI.org) (<http://www.mapi.org/>)

#### **Osmosis**

October 07th-09th - Osmosis Annual Conference in Las Vegas NV.

Details at [www.OsmosisCon.com](http://www.OsmosisCon.com) (<http://www.osmosiscon.com/>)

#### **Michigan Council of Professional Investigators**

October 10th - 2018 Annual Training Conference at Michigan State University in Lansing MI

Details at [www.MCPIhome.com](http://www.MCPIhome.com) ([www.MCPIhome.com](http://www.MCPIhome.com))

#### **Indiana Society of Professional Investigators / Criminal Defense Investigators Training Council**

October 26th-27th - Certification Training for Forensic Testimonial Evidence Recovery Method

Details at [www.Indianainvestigators.com](http://www.Indianainvestigators.com) (<http://www.indianainvestigators.com/>)

#### **World Association of Detectives**

September 27th-Oct 1st - WAD Annual Conference in Las Vegas

Details at [www.WAD.net/conferences-events](http://www.WAD.net/conferences-events) (<http://www.wad.net/conferences-events>)

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

Mid-Term Meeting will be held on November 08th, at the 2018 Investigators Superconference in NYC, NY

Details at [www.NCISS.org](http://www.NCISS.org) (<http://www.nciss.org/>)

#### **North Carolina Association of Private Investigators**

November 04th-10th - 2018 Fall Conference in Atlantic Beach, NC

Details at [www.MCPIhome.com](http://www.MCPIhome.com) ([www.MCPIhome.com](http://www.MCPIhome.com))

#### **2018 Investigators Superconference**

November 08th-11th in New York City, NY

Registration for the NYC SuperConference is LIVE at: [www.2018investigators.com/shop/](http://www.2018investigators.com/shop/) (<http://www.2018investigators.com/shop/>)

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

**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 program.

2018 Rocky Mountain Private Investigators Conference 09/13 to 09/16

Hosted by the Professional Private Investigators Association of Colorado

Go to <https://ppiac.org/event-2664804> for event details and to register - Join next month - time is closing in!

**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)

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**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.

Karen is the NCISS Executive Director, and oversees the day-to-day operations of the association and members, working closely with the Executive Committee and Board to advocate for the investigative and security professions.

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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 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 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.



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## News From Our Profession

### Criminal Defense Investigation Training Council (CDITC)

The Criminal Defense Investigation Training Council demands the highest standards of ethical and investigative excellence. We maintain that the investigator is an objective and impartial advocate of the truth. Our mission

is to promote a fact driven investigation in support of due process and in defense of the 6th Amendment right to a fair trial. Do you have what it takes to be a warrior and seek the national designation of Board Certified Criminal Defense Investigator (CCDI)? Join the ranks of the elite! [www.DefenseInvestigator.com](http://www.DefenseInvestigator.com) (<http://www.defenseinvestigator.com/>)

>> The Indiana Society of Professional Investigators is hosting training for forensic interviewing and certification in the Forensic Testimonial Evidence Recovery Method. Participants who complete the course successfully will earn the designation "CFI-FTER". The certification and test taking fee are included in the cost of tuition to attend the two-day training course. INspi President, Brandy Lord and Vice President, George Gergis have worked diligently to put together a great conference! The course is not limited to criminal defense investigators, it targets anyone interested in becoming certified in forensic interviewing and learning the methodology behind it. A discounted fee is available for INspi members and public defenders. Visit [www.indianainvestigators.com](http://www.indianainvestigators.com) for details and registration. For questions relating to training, contact (574) 288-5911.

### Families, Victims, & Law Enforcement. Need Help "Cold Case Homicide Accountability Act of 2020"

(shared by Mark Gillespie for Dr. Laura Pettler)

According to Murder Accountability Project, there are more than 229,000 unsolved murders in the United States. This means there are 229,000 families without answers and victims without justice. This could also mean there are 229,000 or more violent offenders still free, walking our streets, and living in our communities with that number growing by 5,000 or more every year.

-- continued at <https://www.change.org/p/president-of-the-united-states-pass-the-cold-case-accountability-act-of-2020-in-federal-law?recruiter=781349254> (<https://www.change.org/p/president-of-the-united-states-pass-the-cold-case-accountability-act-of-2020-in-federal-law?recruiter=781349254>)

### Broke, Busted, and Disgusted: A Day In the Life of American PI's - a new podcast!

Started by our friends and colleagues across multiple associations - including state, NCISS and NALI members and board members (variously) - Jon Tipton, George Gergis, Brandy Lord, Sheila Wysocki, Troy Fleming, Mark Gillespie and Jay Marin - from across the country.

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

It's 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 Your Advocate digital magazine at [www.nciss.org/your-advocate-august-2018](http://www.nciss.org/your-advocate-august-2018) (<http://nciss.org/your-advocate-august-2018>)

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