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IMPORTANT DATES

FEB – 16th (closed) Presidents Day

MAR – No Events

A SPECIAL THANKS

We were very excited to announce that Jacee Sue Sobesky arrived on 12/29/2008. Parents and daughter were home two days when Jeberly woke up on 01/03/2009 with excruciatingly severe headaches and was admitted to the ER with very high blood pressure and associated elevated pulse. She was diagnosed with a very rare form of pre-eclampsia (formerly 'toxemia') and then had two grand-mal seizures a few nights later, resulting in a transfer to ICU until her release on 01/10. It was very critical for a few days and a very difficult for everyone – to be generous. Karen and I, and our whole growing family, would like to thank everyone for their overwhelming and much appreciated outpouring of support. Jacee is healthy and wonderful! We spent many unexpected days and nights with her while Scott stayed with Jeberly in ICU.

More news of our growing family. Winter has told us that she and Dylan will be adding to our family – with twins! Wow – three grandchildren in less than one year. The due date is approximately 07/20 to 08/10. We will have another baby pool starting in May. We are very excited – although I'm not sure about how prepared.

MEETING OUR CLIENT

Often our initial case meeting will first take place several weeks, even months, after you have met the client. In both civil litigation and criminal defense cases there are two important considerations – time and communication. I have encouraged that when your office schedules a consultation for a case in which an investigator is a reasonable possibility, give us a call to join you. We do not charge for initial consultations and joining you in a meeting can give our client comfort and we can better begin to prepare our case needs by being part of this initial communication. We are available to participate at any stage of the meeting, depending upon the needs of you and the client.

This joint meeting will give all parties the time and immediate opportunity to ask any questions, provide timely answers and receive detailed information from the start. In the event that the need for our services becomes more probable, feel free to immediately communicate that with us to begin developing investigative and legal strategies. We maintain all Attorney-Client and Work Product privilege in the strictest confidence.

FAQs

What is 'NALI'?

The National Association of Legal Investigators (NALI – www.nalionline.org) is a professional organization with membership open to experienced investigators, of professional competence and integrity, that are actively engaged in providing services in the areas of civil negligence litigation (including personal injury and death), and criminal defense.

To qualify for membership, the investigator must have the equivalent of at least two years of full-time documented experience in these fields, provide multiple attorney references, be in good standing in the legal and investigative communities, and pass an in-depth background check. They must also follow a strict code of ethics. I am currently the only active member of this highly regarded professional association in the northern Colorado region. Please see our Press Release of January 23rd, posted on our agency website under 'Newsletter & Events'.

The NALI offers a highly regarded and selective Certified Legal Investigator™ program, of which there are presently 76 in the United States and none in the northern Colorado region. CLI™ requirements are:

- Equivalent of at least five years of full-time verifiable experience as a plaintiff's negligence investigator and/or as a criminal defense investigator;
- Author an investigative white paper, of not less than 1,000 words that is peer reviewed and then published in the association publication, 'The Legal Investigator';
- Separately complete written and oral examinations prepared and administered by the professional certification board. Examinations include procedures, legal issues and concepts, ethics and mock scenarios;
- The applicant must have a passing score (70% or more) in each of the three sections;
- Complete fifty (50) hours of NALI approved continuing education every three years.

Examinations take place at the annual NALI conferences. I am looking forward to my examinations at the 2009 conference this June. My white paper will be 'Reviewing Autopsy Reports for the Attorney and Legal Investigator'. I will post this article, after peer review, on our agency website. In addition, I have been asked to write an article for the next issues of 'The Legal Investigator' and 'Pursuit Magazine'. The first will be the relationship of the investigator to the families, and the second will be a primer on skip tracing. These will also be posted on our agency website as soon as they are published by the magazines.

We are available 24/7 for your investigative needs and provide no-fee consultations.

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