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## July 2009 Newsletter

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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

JULY – 03rd (Independence Day Weekend)

AUGUST – No Office Closures

### **TWIN GRANDSONS – UPDATE**

I want to thank everyone for their kind words, thoughts, prayers, and messages. If I have not thanked you personally, I apologize – literally hundreds came pouring in.

On June 12th I sent an email requesting a personal favor for Winter due to complications of her pregnancy. This was very similar to a request in January for Jeberly, but this time the same complications were detected before delivery. Winter was in the hospital and on total bed rest until the twin boys are born. She was released, still on bed rest, on June 29th after three days of steady blood pressure and lab work. There is a planned delivery date – depending on how everything goes – but I'll keep the Baby Pool fair and am still accepting dates.

### **CERTIFIED LEGAL INVESTIGATOR**

*“The bar exam for investigators” – Terry Cox, CLI*

I have outlined this process in press releases last week and on our agency website under ‘What is a CLI’. Please take a look for complete details on this achievement.

Since January I have been preparing for the Certified Legal Investigator (CLI) examination through the National Association of Legal Investigators (NALI). The CLI designation is awarded by NALI, and earned by the professional legal investigator, after an extensive process. CLIs have an expectation of, and hold themselves to, a higher standard. This is a highly coveted and respected level of legal investigation achievement.

At the recent annual NALI conference, in Nashville, I spent my first day undertaking the exhaustive examination and interview process for the CLI program. This experience was the most challenging, thorough, and rigorous I have undertaken. Only five people qualified to sit for the written and oral examinations, and each passed. This was very demonstrative of the expectations I have for myself and represents the caliber of the work product and expectations my clients and colleagues, local and nationwide, know they can rely upon.

Since inception of the program in 1979, fewer than 140 have earned this designation and presently only 76 are active in the world. I am honored to be the first and only CLI in the northern Colorado region, and one of four active (and one retired) in Colorado.

My white paper for this certification – ‘*Reviewing and Comprehending Autopsy Reports*’ – is now available on our agency website; click on the ‘Articles’ link. Here you will also find my peer reviewed white paper – ‘*Commercial Woodchipper Fatality*’ – detailing the identification of remains by fingerprints, and investigating the cause and manner of death. Other articles will be posted as they become published.

### **LICENSING PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS**

Colorado is one of six states that does not regulate private investigators; this regulation was repealed over 25 years ago. For several years the state association (Professional Private Investigators Association of Colorado – PPIAC) has endorsed and presented proposed legislation for regulation; to date all attempts have died in legislative committees.

One issue is the access to information. This includes that on a national level many Colorado investigators are being denied access to information because Colorado lacks regulation. This also includes in-state, but not to the same degree. The second issue is consumer protection. At this time there is no assurance to any person of the experience, background, or qualifications of the any private investigator.

We are an unregulated industry that gathers and disseminates personal, financial, and commercial information. The PPIAC and NALI make every effort to educate and monitor membership. Membership in both organizations requires a complete and clear background check, and a commitment to the association ethics (modeled after the ABA ethics); NALI requires two years of professional experience. Unethical, incompetent, and illegal conduct by private investigators is a real threat in Colorado, with real personal and economic consequences. Because of this lack of licensing, even the industry, itself, is threatened.

The PPIAC will again present proposed legislation at the opening of the next legislative session. Any support that the legal profession can provide would be most appreciated.

### **FAQs**

*What areas does your agency cover?*

Our primary focus is Larimer County; however, there are no boundaries – we conduct investigations in northern Colorado and are available to respond to any location in Colorado and Wyoming. For areas that are time-sensitive or cost-prohibitive to operate in, we do work with a network of highly regarded CLIs and other professional legal investigators nationwide. Please feel free to contact us with any inquiries that you may have.

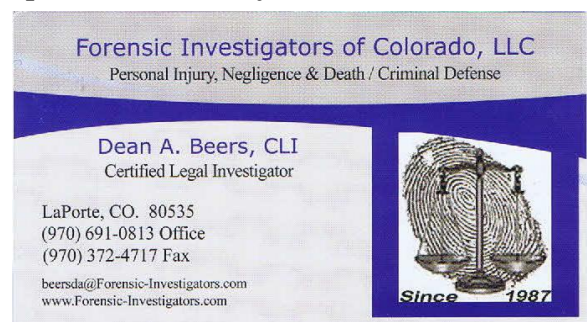
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Sincerely,



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