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Texas Association of Licensed Investigators

TALI Newsletter



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Catherine Smit-Torrez

As we close one year and enter another, I pray that 2022 is a bit more back to the pre-Pandemic norm. These past few years have been different. As we head into 2022, let's decide to stay positive and remember that **WE MADE IT SO FAR!** Be grateful for our friends and family, our businesses, and all the challenges we have overcome. With each challenge, our strength grows personally and as an organization. We are stronger now than two years ago.

TALI faced one challenge with the 2020 Business Meeting, where bylaw amendments voting occurred outside of bylaw requirements. Through the hard work of the Bylaw Committee, Kelly Riddle, Mark Gillespie, Carol Tharp, and Donna Bennett, and the Board, we were able to come to a resolution that honors the wishes of TALI members and keeps us biddable with the bylaws.

We fought challenges at the Legislature and are so blessed to have those highly experienced leaders who work to help our industry to ensure that no laws pass that can stifle the information we need!

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

By Ivan Vikin



Educator and businessman Anthony J. D'Angelo once said, "develop a passion for learning and you will never cease to grow." Training and education are so critically important and tied to the success of your business whether you are a Security or PI professional. In keeping with the notion that knowledge equals growth, this year, TALI is sponsoring the Mid-Winter Conference – North on February 11th and the Mid-Winter Conference – South on February 24th. Additional information about all upcoming conferences can be found on the TALI.org website. Conferences also afford outstanding network opportunities which can spawn successful partnerships leading to win-win business relationships.

As Editor, I believe that success, no matter what your endeavor, is anchored in the relentless pursuit of knowledge, training, and education. I am committed to making the TTI newsletters and magazine chock full of learning opportunities and insightful articles.

I cannot accomplish this vision without your help. I welcome your contributions and feedback. I highly encourage you to contribute to the TALI's publications by submitting thoughtful articles on subjects that might benefit all of us. If you are interested in submitting an article, please send to IJVikin@gmail.com.

Stay safe out there,

(President's Message continued)

We introduced incredible CE training with more to come! We also had our first "In-person & Live Zoom Conference! This was a huge hurdle for us and we achieved the goal! We will do this again at the Mid-Winter – North Texas 1-Day Seminar.

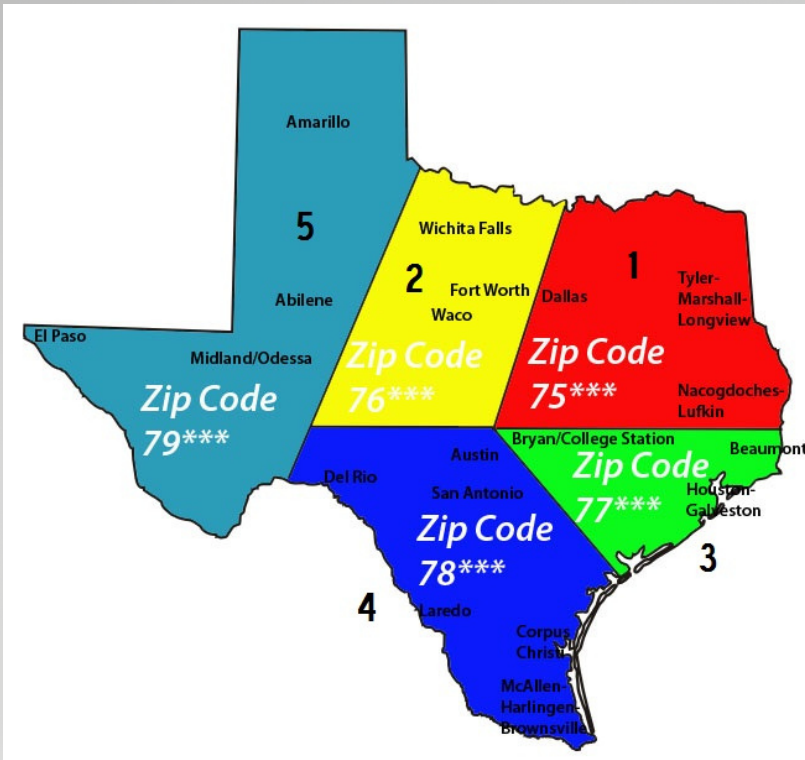
We have much to look forward to in 2022. February brings our Mid-Winter Seminars in North and South Texas. While still in the early stages of planning, they are shaping up to be outstanding!

Mark your calendars now for our Annual Conference, South Shore Harbour Resort, August 12-13, Kemah, TX. Excellent training is just the beginning of the excitement this conference holds. There will be more time and opportunity for networking, plus door prizes and fun! I hope to see you all there as this year's conference will be my farewell as President. Bill Ferguson will be sworn in at the close of the conference to take over as your new TALI President.

As President of TALI, I am grateful you remain faithful to this family, especially to those who contributed to committee service, writing an article, teaching a class, or passing on some sage advice on the Listserv. I invite your ideas and suggestions for the future of TALI. Please consider volunteering on a committee. Fresh ideas help make TALI the best professional association for our PI family. We are stronger together! We are better together!



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“The Texas Association of Licensed Investigators is an organization that promotes and encourages the highest standards of professionalism among licensed private investigators through information, education, training, legislative action, membership support and networking.”

TALI CODE OF ETHICS

ALL MEMBERS OF THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF LICENSED INVESTIGATORS WILL SUBSCRIBE TO THE FOLLOWING CODE OF ETHICS:

- * TO BE PROFESSIONAL AND TO DEMONSTRATE INTEGRITY AND HONESTY AS AN INVESTIGATOR AND AS A MEMBER OF TALI.
- * TO GIVE EACH CLIENT A FULL EXPLANATION OF THE WORK TO BE PERFORMED, RATES TO BE CHARGED AND REPORTS TO BE RENDERED.
- * TO PRESERVE AS CONFIDENTIAL ALL INFORMATION RECEIVED IN AN INVESTIGATION UNLESS DIRECTED OTHERWISE BY THE CLIENT OR UNLESS UNDER SPECIFIC ORDER OR LEGAL AUTHORITY.
- * TO CONDUCT ALL ASPECTS OF INVESTIGATION WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF LEGAL, MORAL AND PROFESSIONAL ETHICS.
- * TO APPRISE CLIENTS AGAINST ANY ILLEGAL OR UNETHICAL ACTIVITIES AND TO COOPERATE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, AS REQUIRED BY LAW.
- * TO CONSTANTLY STRIVE FOR IMPROVEMENTS AS A PROFESSIONAL, TO RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS AND TO INSURE THE SAME FROM AND TO ONE'S EMPLOYEES AND SUBCONTRACTORS.
- * TO LOYALLY SUPPORT TALI, ITS AIMS, PURPOSES AND POLICIES AS LONG AS ONE REMAINS A MEMBER.

TALI NEWSLETTER AND THE TEXAS INVESTIGATOR MAGAZINE

ADVERTISING PRICE SCHEDULE (ESTABLISHED 3/8/2021)

| SIZE | 1x |
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| Back Cover | \$650/\$600* |
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A Letter to TALI

Hello TALI!

First off, I want to extend my deepest gratitude for allowing me to join you all at your 50th Anniversary in Fort Worth. Your Texas hospitality was nothing short of amazing! While there, we signed up several new members to the "Big 3." If you are not yet a member of the Big 3, please consider joining today.

CALI is busy planning our next conference, which will be in Palm Springs, CA., June 23-25, 2022. We look forward to once again meeting in person. I hope you will think about joining us.

CALI has various awards we present to those deserving. In June of this year, during our "Virtual" conference, we presented four: Governor of the Year, President's Award, Investigator of the Year, and last, but certainly not least, the Distinguished Achievement Award. I am pleased to congratulate the following folks once again:

Governor of the Year: Rick Manzanares, Governor of the Sacramento District;
Investigator of the Year: Dan Alvarez, Director of the Inland Empire District;
President's Award: Cavalie-Gonzalez, former CALI Vice-President of Investigative Services.

The Distinguished Achievement Award is CALI's most prestigious honor. It is unique as it is not meant to be awarded every year. A panel of three judges must all agree on a recipient without consulting each other. I am pleased to once again congratulate Jay Rosenzweig, CPI, past President and current Chairman of the Board, for receiving this high honor in June of this year.

In closing, I would like to say how glad I am that CALI has such fine associates in Texas and Florida. Finally, I want to wish each of you a safe and prosperous 2022!

Frank Huntington

CALI President



Pre-Investment Due Diligence Infinity Fraud

Investors are attracted to investments promising big returns. Unfortunately, that often means risky investments. Furthermore, investors often do not conduct any “Due Diligence” inquiry or investigation into the investment or the person selling the investment. Investors hand over their hard-earned money and their families’ financial future into one of the ever-evolving investment frauds.

This article examines Affinity Fraud, and discuss how a pre-investment Due Diligence Investigation by a licensed private investigator can help you avoid fraudulent investments and financial predators.

Churches, community organizations, retirement communities, poker groups, or even “that” uncle or cousin, are all fertile ground for “Affinity Fraud.” Affinity Frauds exploit the con's affiliation with a group to win the trust and confidence of other group members. The fraudster may be a member of the group or may just pretend to be a member. The con recruits unwitting members of the group to invest in the fraudulent scheme. Excitement among the group members about the investment may cause the scheme to spread rapidly to other members and even to family members and friends.

Affinity frauds are frequently just a Ponzi scheme. In a Ponzi scheme the con pays early investor returns using money from later investors. The promised high returns are an illusion, not reality. This apparent high return to early investors helps drive the excitement about the fraudulent investment. Unwitting early investors spread the word about their amazing returns on the investment. This draws in more unwitting investors to feed and expand the scheme.

Affinity frauds often have high pressure sales pitch that prays upon the potential investor’s “Fear of Missing Out”, also known as “FOMO”. FOMO is a self-induced pressure to invest early and fast to maximize return before everyone jumps on the band wagon, or promised higher returns to early investors. A high pressure sales pitch to invest “now” is a huge “red flag” that should cause a prudent investor to pause and conduct Due Diligence.

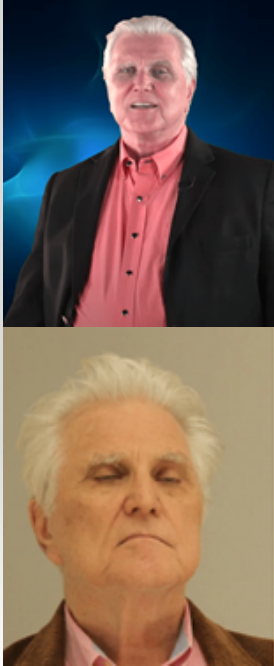
Eventually the fraudulent investment scheme collapses. The con can’t continue to pay the same high return to the growing number of later investors. The late investors lose everything and get nothing as the scheme collapses. The con either slips away or hopes to place the blame on changes in the stock market, the economy or other false external excuse.

Affinity fraud can be difficult to spot because the person offering the investment appears to be a solid member of your group. They prey upon the false impression you unconsciously form that they must be a good person because you would never associate with bad people.

To avoid affinity fraud, recognize the approach by family, friends and associates to invest as a “red flag” for a potential “affinity fraud.” It may well be a good investment and they may be a good solid associate or friend. However, the “red flag” should make you pause and conduct a good Due Diligence inquiry into the investment and the person pitching the investment and the business and investment deal at issue. This is where a good licensed Private Investigator who specializes in financial crimes and frauds can be an excellent addition to the team of advisors you use to protect your assets and investments.

Here is an example of a recent case out of Dallas/Fort Worth where investors could have used a licensed Private Investigator to conduct a quick pre-investment Due Diligence Inquiry saving them millions of dollars.

The "Doc" Gallagher - Affinity Scheme Defrauded Investors Out of \$30 Million



"Doc" Gallagher - from W. Neil Gallagher Living Resume

A recent example of an Affinity Fraud Scheme is the case of high-profile Dallas Radio Host – "The Money Doctor" – William Neil "Doc" Gallagher, PhD.

In March 2019, the Security and Exchange Commission charged "Doc" Gallagher and his two companies with running a near \$20-million Ponzi Scheme defrauding the elderly. He was indicted by the Tarrant and Dallas County District Attorneys for securities fraud and money laundering arising out of the scheme. On August 31, 2021, "Doc" Gallagher plead guilty to three charges pertaining to his frauds. According to the Chief of Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Elder Financial Fraud Team, "Doc" Gallagher is one of the worst offenders I have seen . . . He ruthlessly stole from his clients who trusted him for almost a decade. . . He amassed \$32 million in loss to all of his clients and exploited many elder individuals. He worked his way around churches preying on people who believed he was a Christian."

On November 1, 2021, in Tarrant County, Judge Elizabeth Beach sentenced Doc Gallagher to three life terms in prison for his affinity fraud scheme. He was previously sentenced to 25-years in prison in Dallas County in 2020.

"Doc" Gallagher Mug Shot - Dallas County Sheriff's Department

TALI UPCOMING EVENTS

North Mid-Winter Conference

Friday, February 11, 2022, Templar Training Academy, Richland Hills, TX

South Mid-Winter Conference

February 24, 2022, Capital City Event Center, Harlingen, TX

Monthly online CE sessions: 4th Thursday of the month, 12 pm – 1 pm

- a. Jan 25 – Gun Laws w/ US Law Shield Attorney Edwiin Walker
- b. Feb 22 – "Scent Dog" w/ Tracie Yamauchi
- c. March 22 - TBD
- d. April 26 – Viatical Fraud Scheme w/ George Rodriguez

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Locating Insurance Policies

By Kelly Riddle

There are several reasons why an insurance company may want to locate someone else's insurance policy. First, if a person was involved in an automobile accident with their insured and he didn't have insurance, they may need to confirm this. Many times, he may have had insurance coverage, but the officer didn't ask for it, the person couldn't find his policy card, or the person was carried to the hospital and was unable to provide the information. If his insurance company provided personal injury protection (PIP) or uninsured motorist (UM) coverage, the company will want to regain money disbursed to their insured (subrogation). Here are ways to locate insurance coverage:

- Run the person's driving history and obtain copies of any prior accident reports. If an insurance company was listed on these reports, call, and confirm if the policy is still valid.
- Run the person through the local police department and see if they show any reports not listed on the driver's license history. These will often have insurance coverage listed.
- Check with local and county police court records to see if the person has had any speeding or related traffic tickets. If so, request to look at the copy and see if the officer listed the insurance company on the ticket.
- Run the license plate and see if a lienholder is listed. Contact the lienholder and determine if they list the insurance company.
- Call the major insurance companies and simply ask them if they have a policy on the person or the car.
- If the person is a young adult, determine the parents' names and conduct the above listed searches.
- If needed, conduct a pre-text call to the person's residence and pose as an insurance telemarketer. Inform them that you will send them a free quote and ask them who they currently have insurance with.
- If the person is young or has a history of traffic violations, contact those companies that write "high risk" policies.
- Contact the county tax assessor's office or department of public safety and determine which the person listed as his insurance company upon renewing his license or vehicle registration.

An investigator may be asked to locate homeowner's insurance. When hunting for mortgage insurance, you can:

- Check with the county tax assessor's office and see who actually owns the property. If the person living in the house does not own the property, chances are they only have a renter's policy or fire policy, and the owner carries the liability coverage. You can contact the owner of the property and hopefully they will be cooperative.
- If the tax assessor's office did not provide the mortgage company, try the county tax appraisal office.
- If neither the tax assessor nor the tax appraisal office listed the mortgage company, try the county deed records.
- In some police departments, you are allowed to conduct an "address survey" by completing a special form or sending a written request to the agency. Check the reports for any useful information.
- Call the larger insurance companies in the area and see if they show a current policy.

If you are asked to find commercial insurance, property or liability, you can use some of the following methods:

- Check with the city/county permit office and pull the certificate of occupancy application. Sometimes the business will be asked to list applicable insurance information.
- If the business is a trade related business such as plumbers, carpenters, or similar businesses, call the local union hall and inquire as to which insurance companies specialize in writing policies for those types of businesses.
- Check the UCC/financial statements at the courthouse and see if the business has listed anything as collateral for a loan. Contact the entity making the loan to see if they show any insurance for the business.
- Conduct a search of the county deed records of any loans or other records that may give you a lead.
- Check the civil records to determine if the company has been involved in any lawsuits. Review the files.
- If the company has company vehicles, run the license plates. The lienholder may lead to insurance providers.
- Place a pre-text call to the company requesting permission to provide them with a quote and inquire as to their current carrier.

These are not the only methods but are the most common for locating insurance. Good luck!

TALI Investigator of the Year

By Brian Davidson

In 2015 Curtis Nelson, a Black 50-year-old man was trying to put his life back together with his girlfriend. Curtis and his girlfriend wanted a baby and had none of their own. Ten years prior, Curtis lived in Seattle and had carried on a relationship with a much younger white woman. That relationship had gone stale, but the two had remained in touch.

Learning that his ex-girlfriend was pregnant and planning to terminate the pregnancy, Curtis and his girlfriend offered to help her out if they could have the baby and work together to raise the child. They convinced her to cancel the abortion and move to Houston to be with them until she could find a job.

When Achilles was born, the three of them coexisted in the same house while Curtis and his girlfriend worked to make ends meet. The baby's mother was younger, and she showed minimal interest in raising the child, but Curtis and his girlfriend were in a tough spot, so they tolerated her reckless behavior and after-hours bad habits.

On June 25th, 2015, Curtis stayed home and put Achilles to bed while his girlfriend took the baby's mother out to make a late night run for illicit provisions. Curtis was concerned that baby Achilles, who was only 8 months old, wasn't behaving normally. After putting him in bed, Curtis took a shower. When he came out of the shower, he could tell that baby Achilles was struggling and was in serious distress. He threw on some clothes and rushed the child to the hospital 3 miles away in the car. His first call was to the mother and his girlfriend. His second call was to 911. The 911 operator tried to convince Curtis to pull over immediately and perform CPR on the baby, but Curtis kept driving the remaining 3 miles while trying to perform CPR and talk on the phone to the 911 operator. He was frantic.

Curtis arrived at the emergency room, and because he didn't want complications in treatment, he said he was the baby's father (a white lie that would be used with extreme prejudice in the future). His girlfriend and the baby's mother arrived after a short while. They were informed that Achilles was pronounced dead at 1:15am on June 26th.

After determining the cause of death as blunt force trauma to the head, the coroner called detectives to investigate Achilles's death.

Detectives first interviewed the baby's mother who pointed the finger at Curtis claiming that he was a strict disciplinarian and that he was alone with the baby and must have done something terrible.

Detectives arrested Curtis Nelson charging him with murder. He was immediately taken to jail. Curtis was not filled in on the details regarding his arrest. He was arraigned, plead not guilty, and was given a court appointed attorney. Curtis still had no idea why he had been accused of a crime and had not made bond.

Curtis's attorney was relatively new to the game of criminal defense. She had been a successful prosecutor for a decade and only 6 months prior to becoming Curtis's attorney. She had been forced to switch sides due to the political situation in Harris County. She was inexperienced in the subtle but important differences between Criminal Defense and Prosecution, but she filed a motion for appointment of a Private Investigator.

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TALI's Sonja Rafeet got the call. She began by reviewing the DA's file and went down to the jail to perform the interview. At this point in her career Sonja had over 40 years of experience handling criminal cases in the Harris County area. Sonja conducted the jailhouse interview with Mr. Nelson and she could feel that something wasn't adding up about the file. Mr. Nelson was visibly shocked by the accusations and furious when Sonja began telling him the narrative being spun inside the DA's file. Neither Sonja nor Mr. Nelson knew much about Achilles's mother or their past, but Sonja just didn't believe that Mr. Nelson was the abuser that caused the injury that ultimately took Achilles's life.

Sonja and the attorney began having disagreements about the types of resources that should be approved for the defense of Mr. Nelson. Sonja's experience led her to kick against the goads. She simply wasn't going to let politics, the attorney's inexperience and strong prior relationships in the DA's office get in the way of helping Mr. Nelson get a vigorous defense.

Sonja put her 40 years of experience into finding out the real story of the mother. She decided that the only way she was going to get to the bottom of the mystery was to go to Seattle to find and interview potential witnesses. The attorney disagreed but Sonja pressed on determined to discover who she really was.

Sonja used some of her travel credits and went to Seattle to find the real story. In Seattle while at the CPS offices some very valuable paperwork "slipped out" of the file and fell to the floor. The CPS officer reviewing the file, simply exited the room pretending not to know what had happened. Turns out that the baby's mother had a sordid history of abusing children she had been around. The attorney argued that the paperwork wouldn't be admissible. Sonja pointed out some other criminal defense attorneys she should consult with about how to get the paperwork admitted.

As Sonja continued on her hunt, she was able to find friends and family members who told a story of the mother's abusive nature and even pointed out video evidence of the mother blowing marijuana smoke into the face of other infants.

By 2018 when Curtis was finally ready to face a trial, Sonja used all her resources in the courthouse as well as some of her own frequent flyer miles to put together witnesses to attend the trial.

Prosecutors were furious that Sonja had used such means to get the witnesses to Houston and even tried to have one of the witnesses arrested at the hotel prior to trial. Sonja fought during voir dire to help the attorney select the right jury. Sonja coached the attorney through the case and also succeeded in coaching the attorney in the proper line of questioning.

The jury was out for 35 minutes before they returned a verdict of not guilty and Curtis was set free. The bottom line on the case was that the baby indeed died from a history of blunt force trauma, but there was absolutely no direct evidence, other than the mother's initial statement that Mr. Nelson was the attacker.

Aftermath

It is now 3+ years after Mr. Nelson's exoneration. I, Brian Davidson, spoke with Mr. Nelson over the phone. He has continued to put his life together since that horrible experience. He clearly remembers Investigator Rafeet and the extraordinary lengths that she went to assist in his defense. Most remarkably, he recounted that it was Sonja who suggested the Work Faith program to him and Sonja's straight talk and faith that kept him from abandoning all hope and taking the ridiculous plea offers presented to him.

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Curtis still has faith to this day and while he doesn't understand all the nuances of his defense, he remembers one thing clearly. Sonja Rafeet was the only person who stuck by his side through that terrible time and went above and beyond the call of duty to prevent him from being steamrolled by a justice system that wanted so badly to put him away for abusing and murdering Achilles. To this day, Curtis believes that Sonja was the straight-talking angel sent to help him get his life back.

On a personal note, Sonja Rafeet helped train me. She set the standard in my mind of the type of hard work and dedication that needs to be put into the defense of others. The justice system is so complicated. Most people don't have the vocabulary and experience to effectively assist when they are wrongfully accused. I have worked on the streets with Sonja on multiple occasions. She has taken me into parts of town I would never have understood. It has humbled me to watch her work, to feel and see how she has helped defend the innocent. This is especially true in the black community where the system often speaks the strangely foreign dialect of the "court". People are people, we all have flaws but every one of us has our own soul, identity, thoughts, and attitudes. Many times, I have seen fear and anxiety in the faces of the innocent and wrongfully accused. I can tell you this as an absolute certainty - If I was accused of something terrible, I would want Sonja Rafeet on my defense team. In my mind, she isn't just the Investigator of the Year. She is the Investigator of the Decade.

WHY SHOULD I JOIN TALI?

- 1.You will be a part of a professional organization of investigators who are experienced, educated, and knowledgeable in a diverse cross section of expertise.
- 2.You are one email or one phone call away from leveraging this vast expertise from so many fellow investigators and security professionals.
- 3.TALI sponsors a convention every year that provides tremendous networking opportunities and training sessions to get your yearly CE hours.
- 4.You can take advantage of free CE hours throughout the year through the many regional meetings and via Zoom.
- 5.Through our newsletters, you will be kept abreast of a variety of items that may impact you as a PI. TALI's newsletters provide new sources of services and information, seminars, and issues of general interest to all TALI members.
- 6.The Texas Investigator Magazine, which is a yearly publication, provides for you advertising opportunities and a wealth of information from a collection of varied authors. The authors contribute articles ranging from accident reconstruction, interviewing techniques, and important legal issues.
- 7.As a TALI member you will receive an attractive plaque suitable for mounting in your office. In addition, you will receive credentials to log into the TALI website which opens the door to a vast network of fellow private investigators to gain knowledge, collaborate on projects, and seek advice.
- 8.You will have fun!! The TALI regional meetings, mid-year events, and the yearly convention are replete with music, fellowship, and beverages along with tremendous training sessions and lectures from prominent speakers during the day.
- 9.As a TALI member you will be issued certificates for attendance at the various sponsored seminars, conventions, and other training events. Your TALI membership pays for itself with the wealth of CE training opportunities at your fingertips.
- 10.TALI will keep you posted on the latest regulations which may have a positive or negative impact on your operations. TALI has a lobbyist to help educate and enlighten State Legislators to prevent harmful legislation.
- 11.TALI offers free standard investigative forms to document your projects. These forms are provided free of charge as a member of TALI.
- 12.TALI has many business discounts so services and products you purchase come with reduced prices

2021 Hudgins-Sallee Award

Congratulations to Mark Gillespie, recipient of the 2021 Hudgins Sallee Award! Mark joined TALI in 2006, two years after establishing his business, Gillespie Investigations. Shortly after joining TALI Mark began serving TALI in many capacities:

- Awards Committee. Served as co-chair. Established criteria for award categories.
- Elected to Board of Directors, Position 8, 2007-2010.
- Elected to President-Elect, 2010-2012.
- Served as President 2012-2014.
- Helped establish "The Big 3" in collaboration with FALI President Tim O'Rourke and CALI President Mike Julian.
- Served as editor of The Texas Investigator magazine. Designed magazine and layout with new publisher, Naylor.
- Received 2007 TALI Editor's Award.
- Served on TALI's Legislative Committee.
- Testified on several occasions before Texas legislature regarding legislation impacting private investigators.
- Organized and participated in TALI "Walk the Halls" events at Texas Capitol, speaking to legislators and staff on issues affecting private investigators.
- Served on Private Security Board Rules Committee to develop rules for Occupations Code 1702 and Administrative Rules 35.
- Met with RenEarl Bowie (DPS Regulatory Services Division) numerous times to discuss issues relative to private investigation companies and private investigators.
- TBCI Certification, 2010.
- Served on TALI Conference Planning Committees
- Conference speaker multiple times (So You want to be a PI; Junk Science: What PIs and Attorneys Need to Know About Forensic Science; and LTC Certification).
- Helped develop and launch TALI Zoom Training during COVID.
- School Director, 2017-Present. Approves all training. Maintains TALI School records (attendance rosters, training certificates, trainer/speaker bios). Prepares training certificates for all training sessions. Meets with DPS PSB auditors for inspection of TALI Training records. Inspections resulted in praise by auditors ("These are the best training records we have ever seen").
- Served as TALI Election Oversight Committee member for 2020 elections.
- Helped organize TALI fund raiser for disaster relief for victims of West, Texas, fertilizer company explosion that destroyed a large part of their community in 2013. Presented TALI check to Mayor of West and represented TALI along with Carol Tharp and Brian Ingram before West City Council.
- Served on TALI committees such as Unlicensed Activity Committee, Vendor Committee, Benefits Committee, and membership renewals.
- Briefed Major Jay Alexander, RSD Regulatory Crimes Service, on unlicensed activity issues.



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