

TEXAS LAWYER PRIVATE INVESTIGATIONS RESOURCE

Surveillance	Background Investigations	Subject Locates	Asset Investigations	Corporate Investigations	Specialty Assignments
<p>SURVEILLANCE SERVICES Surveillance services involve the mobile, covert and/or stationary use of state-of-the-art hand-held HD digital camcorders with zoom and low lux capabilities, HD covert video cameras, audio recording devices, discreet surveillance vehicles with tinted windows, and real-time vehicle registration records access in order to obtain the evidence and provide clients with court-admissible reports and video in each assignment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divorce • Infidelity • Child Custody • Day in the Life • Wellness Check • Insurance Defense • Corporate Non-Compete • Employee Activity & Post-Termination <p>Divorce – Covert, mobile surveillance is often necessary in order to provide court-admissible evidence in family matters in which a subject is in violation of a divorce decree.</p>			<p>Infidelity – Discreet surveillance to obtain evidence and establish clarity for individuals suspecting infidelity in their relationship. Child Custody – Discreetly obtains evidence of parenting habits and lifestyle choices hazardous to the child/children. Day in the life – Conducted during a 10 – 12-hour day and documents a subject’s activities, whereabouts, and associates. Wellness Check – Whether it’s a parent in a nurse’s care or an estranged child in a new relationship, surveillance on the loved one helps assess their wellbeing & give clients peace of mind. Insurance Defense – Pls bring factual clarity to a personal injury lawsuit by obtaining video evidence of the plaintiff to understand his/her true physical capabilities. Corporate Non-Compete – Pls enhance a corporation’s legal position by conducting surveillance and documenting findings when a current or former employee is suspected of violating a Non-Compete Agreement. Employee Activity & Post-Termination – monitoring suspicious employee activity and reporting whereabouts, activities and associates. Additionally, Pls can monitor the threat level of a potentially hostile post-termination situation.</p>		
<p>BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION SERVICES Background investigation services correctly identify the person of suspicion, establish clarity to their background, and report a profile that addresses all areas of concern.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal History • Civil Suits • Derogatory Filings • Social Profile • Pre-Litigation/Litigation • Pre-Employment & Executive Profiles • Theft/Embezzlement <p>Criminal History – Search includes misdemeanors, felonies, Federal Criminal records (all U.S. District Courts), State & Nationwide Criminal Databases, State Sex Offender Registry, Global Watch Lists. Civil Suits – County and District Civil Court suits gives insight into issues the person of interest has been associated with in the past.</p>			<p>Derogatory Filings – Bankruptcies, Tax Liens, & Judgements give a better understanding of one’s stability and past financial issues. Social Profile – Gives an in-depth look into an individual’s, whereabouts, interests, associates, communications, etc. and often produces information not found in standard public record filings. Dating site searches also prove useful in uncovering the truth about someone’s online presence. Pre-Litigation/Litigation – Strategically conducted to provide law firms with critical information that may affect litigation by calling into question the credibility of a potential litigant in a lawsuit. Pre-Employment & Executive Profiles – Whether it’s a potential employee or executive, each new hire needs a customized and strategic background investigation to verify their credentials, certifications, & degrees and assess criminal records. Theft/Embezzlement – Looking into the background of a suspected employee or contractor can point the employer in the right direction for next steps in recovering stolen funds/property.</p>		
<p>SUBJECT LOCATE SERVICES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estranged Family Members • Missing Persons • Probate/Heirs • Witnesses & Adverse Parties • Defendants/Debtors <p>Estranged family members – Determine the whereabouts of an ex-spouse or biological relative who may have critical information regarding a specific family issue. Defendants/Debtors – Pls can develop contact information and a current address for even the most evasive debtors/defendants. Many Pls can strategically serve these individuals with process.</p>			<p>Missing Persons – Missing person locate assignments are often resolved using a multi-faceted strategy involving on-line research, telephone/personal inquiries and extensive field work. The focus and execution warrant a highly customized approach. Probate/Heirs – Pls can help bring clarity to a complex estate matter by locating heirs and beneficiaries in order to facilitate the settlement of the estate. Witnesses & Adverse Parties – Locating witnesses & adverse parties for litigation; and, if necessary, Pls can conduct personal interviews with witnesses for the purposes of obtaining statements such as notarized affidavits and signed declarations.</p>		

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ASSET INVESTIGATION SERVICES Verify, locate, uncover the assets of individual and/or an entity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Financial • Financial • Probate • Divorce • Pre-litigation • Post-Judgement <p>Non-Financial – Uncovers real property, vehicles, boats, aircrafts, equipment, unclaimed property & other leads to asset-related information.</p> <p>Financial – GLB compliant bank and brokerage account search determining banking/brokerage relationships and their balances.</p>			<p>Probate – Locating financial & non-financial assets for a decedent has led to efficient & equitable, dispositions of probate matters.</p> <p>Divorce – Locating hidden bank accounts, brokerage accounts, vacation homes, exotic vehicles, boats, and person with knowledge of other assets intentionally and strategically hidden from his or her spouse can be of great value in a contentious divorce proceeding.</p> <p>Pre-litigation – Provides the opportunity to assess legal costs associated with filing a lawsuit in relation to the opportunity to recoup the prior monetary losses.</p> <p>Post-judgement – An asset investigation on the losing party in a lawsuit establishes the party's legitimate ability to satisfy the financial judgement rendered against them.</p>		
CORPORATE INVESTIGATION SERVICES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Status • Intellectual Property • Mergers & Acquisitions • Theft/Embezzlement <p>Business Status – Determines the legal and operational status, corporate filing data, and identity of managing members, parent companies and/or subsidiaries to develop relevant business data.</p> <p>Intellectual Property – discover and determine the source of dissemination of intellectual property from an organization.</p>			<p>Mergers & Acquisitions – An extensive level of background research on the entity, shareholders / managing partners, concentrating on financial and non-financial assets, corporate filings, judgements, tax liens, bankruptcies, regulatory records, and industry intelligence provides relevant data needed to evaluate the risk and opportunities associated with this type of transaction.</p> <p>Theft/Embezzlement – Review and analyses of fraudulent transactions to determine the origin and techniques utilized and to quantify the monetary losses to a company.</p>		
SPECIALTY ASSIGNMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic Countermeasures • Polygraph Examinations • Computer Forensics/Data Recovery • Cyber Crimes/Computer Network Security • Executive Protection • Accident Investigations <p>Computer Forensics/Data Recovery – The extraction, assimilation, & analysis of digital evidence even from hidden parts of the system. Special software programs recreate electronic footprints establishing a sequence of events of suspicious activity on a computer system.</p> <p>Polygraph Examinations – Measures and records one's physiological indicators (blood pressure, pulse, respiration, and skin conductivity) while answering a series of questions. Polygraph Exams have been critical in resolving legal, corporate, financial, and family matters.</p>			<p>Executive Protection – Security and risk mitigation measures including background investigations, advance site prep, executive protection personnel, counter surveillance, and evacuation protocol are proactively conducted to ensure the safety of clients and their families, who may be subject to increased personal risk.</p> <p>Accident Investigations – This investigation can provide information as to cause of the accident, scene details, identification of the vehicles involved and contributing factors, etc. Some PIs will procure police reports and conduct research of media articles. Additionally, PIs can identify, locate, and interview fact witnesses relative to an accident.</p> <p>Electronic Countermeasures – Electronic countermeasure inspections are conducted in commercial, rural and/or residential settings for the purposes of detecting suspicious audio and/or video equipment installed without authorization, in proximity to an area believed to be secure from outside monitoring.</p>		
PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS ARE REQUIRED TO... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be licensed through the appropriate state regulatory agency • carry professional liability insurance <p style="text-align: center;">...AND SHOULD...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adhere to a Code of Ethics established by their respective state associations • verify each piece of data as factual prior to submitting to clients • complete assignments in a timely manner and when necessary, provide frequent updates to clients. • be clear, upfront, and honest in reporting to clients and to tell the truth while under oath 			PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS SHOULD NEVER... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • harass, threaten, or intimidate witnesses, opposing parties, significant others, etc. • impersonate law enforcement officers or government agents in any investigation • use illegal wiretaps, unlawful surveillance methodologies or other unlawful audio or video recording equipment while in the course of any investigation. • access consumer credit reports without a signed release and/or consent from the individual whom the credit report is being requested. • reveal case information to any third party unless authorized by client 		

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