

Why Become a CLI?

Earning Your CLI



NALI
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL INVESTIGATORS



A successful business needs the right tools.

The CLI designation is one of the best tools you can have.

- ✓ **Allows you to increase your hourly rate**
- ✓ **Sets you apart from your competition**
- ✓ **An accreditation respected by clients**
- ✓ **Provides you more referrals**
- ✓ **Offers credibility**



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The CLI credential is respected by clients and sets you apart from your competition – Lawyers and other professionals can relate to the effort required to earn a certification. Moreover, they deeply respect the continuing education requirements of the CLI Program, recognizing Legal Investigators who are intent on learning as much as they can each day to better themselves in their chosen field. CLI's are committed professionals who quote and earn higher rates!

The CLI designation provides you more referrals – There is no question that the CLI designation is a wonderful marketing tool for investigators. Clients who recognize any case may end up in litigation, either in or out of the courtroom, prefer to hire those Legal Investigators who can offer evidence of their background that includes education and earned certifications in their chosen field. When asked by colleagues for an investigator referral, a NALI Certified Legal Investigator is one they are happy to endorse and recommend.

The CLI program is a personal accomplishment – The Certified Legal Investigator designation is not handed to candidates for payment of a fee. It is earned by candidates who demonstrate superior knowledge in legal investigations. The designation is conferred upon those who meet professional requirements and who successfully pass written and oral examinations. It is an honored and highly regarded credential.

Sets you apart from your competition – Once you have earned your CLI designation, you are instantly elevated in your current and prospective clients' eyes.



The Association feels that this professional certification program is the most important and significant program it has undertaken in its history.

It is not a requirement that an investigator be a member of the National Association of Legal Investigators to become certified.

To qualify:

- Applicants must devote the majority of their practice to negligence investigations, tort investigations or any other investigations for the plaintiff; and/or criminal defense investigations for retained or appointed defense attorneys. Applicants may be appointed investigators for indigent criminal defendants in local, state or federal criminal cases; and be employed by either a law firm, government entity conducting criminal defense investigations for indigent defendants, or a private investigative firm.
- Applicants must have a minimum of five years verifiable work experience as described above. Applicants may substitute one year of work experience for successful completion of 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of course work at an accredited college or university.
- Be licensed, if required, by the state in which the applicant is practicing/employed, and have no felony convictions on their record.
- With the application form and fee, prepare and submit a "white paper," of not less than 1,000 words, on any investigative subject.
- Complete a written and oral examination prepared and administered by the professional certification board (the CLI Committee), the candidate must obtain a passing score of 70% or more in each section (white paper, oral exam and written exam).

Maintaining Your CLI

Once you have earned your CLI designation, it is critical that you follow these compliance reporting periods in order to maintain your CLI.

- The first compliance is due three years after earning certification. The CLI must report fifty (50) hours of continuing education.
- Every three years afterwards until year fifteen (15), a CLI must report thirty-six (36) hours of continuing education.
- After fifteen (15) years of uninterrupted reporting, a CLI can choose to report every five years.



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Let the CLI designation
work for you.



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about the CLI designation.

What Designated CLI's Say...



"My CLI is both a personal gratification and exceptional marketing tool. I have proven to myself that I am worthy of the designation that is so coveted in the investigative community. I inform my clients/attorneys that I have an advanced knowledge of my field and pride in continuing my dedication to the profession." — Kitty Hailey, CLI since 1994

"Earning the CLI is a great personal achievement but the true beneficiaries of this certification are my attorney clients. My certification assures them they have chosen a thoroughly tested, carefully vetted, ethical professional and they will receive the highest quality work product. In the legal world, having piece of mind when choosing a non-lawyer professional to enhance your case is an invaluable benefit. The CLI designation is a benefit to my clients and that is why I value it above any other certification in the investigative community."

— David W. Luther, CLI since 1995

"Legal Investigators who make a commitment to obtain the designation of CLI elevate themselves and the legal investigation profession. Any legal investigator who has experienced the process of CLI certification will tell you the personal and professional advantage are well worth the investment in time, effort and energy. Earning the CLI designation is one of the more rewarding highlights in any investigator's career. Yet, it pales in comparison to the knowledge, wisdom and integrity Certified Legal Investigators impart to their clients." — John M. Lajoie, CLI since 1996

"Obtaining the Certified Legal Investigator designation was a goal for my professional growth as an investigator. The CLI designation has given me an edge when testifying in court matters and in professional settings wherein my accomplishments are an example of the caliber of investigator I have become. I often use the CLI designation to support my testimony in that it demonstrates my personal skills and competency."

— Carol Moore, CLI since 2000