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## An Invitation for Your Association to be a part of the 2012 International Conference of Investigative Associations



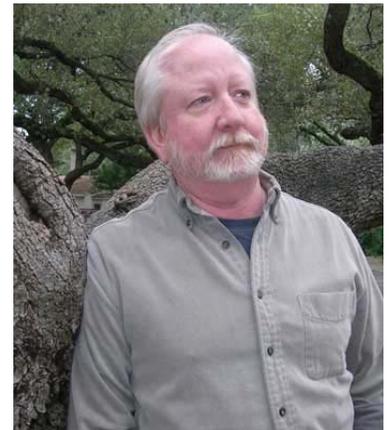
San Antonio River Walk

TALI is hosting the "International Conference of Investigative Associations" or "ICIA" August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> 2012 on the famous River Walk in San Antonio. This is a truly unique conference designed to bring the state, national and international associations together under one roof. Making this even more unique is the ICIA conference will be "vendor driven." The majority of our presentations will be conducted by vendors who will demonstrate interesting products that our attendees either need training on or have the need for in their businesses. Each day will be comprised of half-day general session presentations and the other half of the day the attendees can choose

from one of four tracks of seminars. The four tracks will be comprised of (1) Forensics (2) Business Operations (3) Investigations and (4) Expert.

### Conference High-Points

- The Keynote Speaker on Friday will be best-selling author Jay Brandon. On one hand, Jay is a successful attorney in San Antonio, Texas, on the other, a mystery novelist. With a Master's Degree in writing from Johns Hopkins University and experience as an attorney with the District Attorney's office in Bexar County and with the Fourth Court of Appeals, Jay knows his settings. Each of his novels takes aspects of people, places and happenings in the world of law and adds Jay's own brand of gripping suspense and excellent writing. A native Texan, he now devotes his time to writing and his law practice in San Antonio, where he lives with his wife and three children.
- The theme of the August conference will be the "International Conference of Investigative Associations" or "ICIA" and is designed to bring the state, national and international associations together under one roof.
- Officers of participating associations will be provided the opportunity to engage in the *Round Table* discussions regarding national and international legislation, licensing, cross-jurisdiction affiliations and an instant response coalition for responding to issues that impact our profession.
- The ICIA theme will be a tremendous opportunity for *Networking*.
- We will have a photographer set up in the vendor area and will give attendees a free up-to-date passport size photo that everyone needs for their PI licenses, ID cards, etc.
- Tables will be available in the vendor area for associations to display information, brochures, etc
- Associations will be given a CD with conference information, handouts, and information provided by other associations for use within their respective organizations.
- Associations will be provided access to the extensive benefits and discounts TALI provides to our members that



Jay Brandon

will add tangible value to an association's membership and more than pays for dues. For more on this go to [www.TALI.org](http://www.TALI.org) and click on benefits.

### **Additional Highlights**

- The Friday evening event will be held at the famous Buckhorn Museum & Saloon that is also next door to the Texas Ranger Museum ([www.buckhornmuseum.com](http://www.buckhornmuseum.com)). Both venues have been rented and dinner will be served at this location. There will be several bars and food stations throughout the venues to refresh food and beverages as the attendees walk and enjoy the sites (all indoors).
- The San Antonio River barges are a huge attraction for the River Walk. Day tickets cost \$10 per day and allow the passengers to get on and off the river taxis at various locations. Tickets will be given at no cost to the first 250 attendees that sign up for the conference.
- We intend to have prizes worthy of a large-scale event that include shotguns, golf clubs, iPad, etc.
- Notebook Binders will be given to each attendee. Associations having representatives at the conference will be recognized in an advertisement for the association.



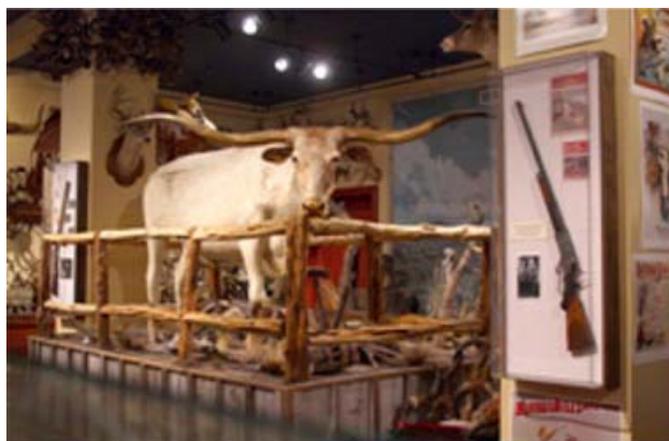
*The Alamo*

***We have lots in store for this conference, and I guarantee you won't want to miss this one!***



The Buckhorn Museum features wildlife from all over the world; including fish, birds, and animal oddities. Our exhibit halls are comprised of over 520 species of wildlife, many of which are record holders.

The Buckhorn is home to a world record whitetail deer, the famous '78 Point Buck'. This impressive rack was sold to the saloon owner himself, Albert Friedrich, for a mere \$100 dollars back in 1890. Other amazing specimens include a record 1,056 pound black marlin and a 10,000 year old pre-historic Irish Elk skull and antlers.



The Texas Ranger Museum houses hundreds of Texas Ranger artifacts including revolvers, automatic handguns, sawed off shotguns, badges, photographs and much more. Notable Texas Rangers exhibited in the collection include, Ray Martinez, Joaquin Jackson, John B. Armstrong and Frank Hamer.

The highlight of the Texas Ranger Museum is '**Ranger Town**', a recreation of San Antonio at the turn of the century. Explore this western town complete with a saloon, jail, blacksmith shop and telegraph office. The Bonnie and Clyde exhibit complete with a '34 Ford V8 Deluxe is a guest favorite.

### **Other Exciting Things to do in San Antonio**

- River Walk (<http://www.visitsanantonio.com/visitors/play/the-river-walk/index.aspx>)
- Fiesta Texas Six-Flags Theme Park ([www.sixflags.com/fiestaTexas/index.aspx](http://www.sixflags.com/fiestaTexas/index.aspx))
- SeaWorld of Texas Theme Park (<http://seaworldparks.com/seaworld-sanantonio>)
- The Alamo and Mission Trail Sight-seeing tour (<http://www.nps.gov/saan/planyourvisit/guidedtours.htm>)
- The Tower of the Americas - 750 foot observation deck & restaurant ([www.toweroftheamericas.com](http://www.toweroftheamericas.com))
- The San Antonio Zoo (<http://www.sazoo-aq.org/index.html>)
- King William Historical District (<http://visitsanantonio.com/visitors/play/attraction-details/index.aspx?id=2312>)
- Golf - 50+ courses (<http://www.visitsanantonio.com/visitors/play/golf/index.aspx>)
- Experience the Cowboy Capital of the World (<http://www.banderacowboycapital.com/index.cfm>)
- Vineyard tours & Texas Hill Country (<http://www.visitfredericksburgtx.com/>)
- Natural Bridge Caverns (<http://www.naturalbridgecaverns.com/>)
- San Antonio Night Life (<http://www.visitsanantonio.com/visitors/play/nightlife/index.aspx>)



***Here is one recent example of why we as associations need to come together in a Round Table format to discuss these and other issues effecting us all:***

## **Lauren Spierer's Parents Hired Private Investigators Illegally (Video)**

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The parents of Lauren Spierer, the 20-year-old Indiana University student who disappeared on June 3rd, brought private investigators to Bloomington, Indiana, to help in the search for their daughter. However, according to the Indiana Attorney General's office, they are operating illegally. This was likely an honest mistake on the part of Robert and Charlene Spierer, and it is another frustrating turn of events for the Spierer family after unnecessary drama played out among law enforcement officials recently—the Spierers are Westchester County, New York, natives, and both the New York-based private investigators and Indiana law enforcement officials created great distraction by taking potshots at each other in the media instead of focusing on the case.

This new error results from as many as four private investigators who were hired by Lauren Spierer's parents and traveled to Bloomington (the college town where Spierer disappeared) from New York. The issue is that these PIs are not licensed in the state of Indiana; therefore, it is illegal for them to be working on this case. The Indiana Attorney General's office delivered a statement via e-mail to Indianapolis's local Fox news affiliate, Fox59: "It is illegal for a person to engage in business as a private investigator firm unless the person is licensed in the state of Indiana." Fox59 states that they have sources claiming that these PIs tried to use a local private investigator's license, "but the Indiana Attorney General's Office suspended that license for 10 years for unknown reasons."

Mimicking the unprofessional tone of the very public insults that flew between these private investigators and the Bloomington Police Department recently, Fox59 reports that in addition to their operating without a license, the BPD have received complaints of harassment by these PIs, presumably by local Bloomington residents or IU students. Fox59 also has an unconfirmed report that the PIs illegally entered a residence, meaning *new* criminal charges could be connected to this already complicated and frustrating case. Indiana's Private Investigator and Security Guard Board plans to file a complaint with the Indiana Attorney General's Office.

Lauren Spierer was last seen at approximately 4:30 a.m. on June 3rd, walking home alone to her apartment after a night out with friends. She was reportedly intoxicated, and there have been public disputes between the Spierer family and the group of friends who last saw Spierer—as to how truthful they have been with authorities and how much they know. This case is just one more in a devastatingly long list of cases involving probable violence against women, and Americans should be asking themselves why this keeps happening. To find out more about community outreach and ways you can help, visit Robert and Charlene Spierer's official website, [www.findlauren.com](http://www.findlauren.com). Anonymous tips can also be reported to the Bloomington Police Department at 812-339-4477.

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