



**National Association of Legal Investigators**

**Certified Legal Investigator®**

**EXAMINATION  
APPLICATION**

# *Elevating the Standards of the Profession*

The National Association of Legal Investigators, Inc. offers the Certified Legal Investigator (CLI) program which certifies that qualified investigators possess overall superior knowledge in the field of legal investigation. The designation of Certified Legal Investigator (CLI) is registered (No. 1,332,665) with the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office and may be used only with NALI permission by those who meet the requirements and successfully pass the examinations given by the CLI Committee and its chairperson. In addition, CLI's are required to meet continuing education standards and abide by a Code of Ethics adopted by the National Association of Legal Investigators, Inc. The designation of Certified Legal Investigator is both an honor and a testimony to exceptional skill and experience in the field of legal investigation. This is the standard by which legal investigators nationwide are judged and chosen by prominent trial attorneys to conduct complex legal investigation. To accept the challenge to become a Certified Legal Investigator, completing the CLI application, and thus initiating the testing process is the start of a very special and rewarding professional experience. There are less than one hundred CLI's in the world; you can become one of proud members of this special group of legal investigators. Start the process now.

## **CERTIFIED LEGAL INVESTIGATOR EXAMINATION**

The CLI examination is offered by the CLI Committee and its chairperson at each NALI Mid-Winter Conference in January and at each National Convention in June of each year. The examination may also be administered at regional seminars where there are a minimum of three eligible candidates to sit for the exam and/or at a time and place designated by the CLI chairperson.

The examination process includes a research (white) paper, written examination, and oral examination. Each candidate must receive a minimum passing score of 70% in each section of the examination.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

All applicants who wish to participate in the examination for the Certified Legal Investigator (CLI) designation must comply with the following:

1. Answer all questions on this application legibly, truthfully and completely.
2. Submit a good quality, recent, full face (color) photograph.
3. Submit the required examination fee of \$200.00 for a NALI member or \$300.00 for a non-NALI member. The application and fee must be received by the CLI committee chairperson at least 30 days prior to the examination date.
4. Submit an originally authored, unpublished research /white paper consisting of a minimum of 1,000 words on any investigative subject in accordance with the established guidelines. It is not to be a rehash of an investigative case. The white paper must be received by the CLI committee chairperson at least 30 days prior to the examination date.
5. Submit to a confidential background investigation.

In completing your application, questions should be answered on separate paper and using support documentation or supplemental material as necessary. Upon completion of your application, please attach all answers and support documentation to this cover page.

## CANDIDATE INFORMATION

1. FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_
2. DOB \_\_\_\_\_ S.S. \_\_\_\_\_
3. HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_
4. CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_
5. COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_
6. HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_
7. EMPLOYER \_\_\_\_\_ POSITION \_\_\_\_\_
8. WORK ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_
9. CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_
10. COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_
11. E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ WEBSITE \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ATTACH A COMPREHENSIVE RESUME, CV, OR LIST THAT CHRONOLOGICALLY OUTLINES YOUR EMPLOYERS AND JOB HISTORY OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS, SUPERVISORY CONTACT INFORMATION, AND ANY OTHER JOB INFORMATION YOU BELIEVE WILL BE HELPFUL TO THE CLI COMMITTEE IN EVALUATING YOUR HISTORY.**

## PRIVACY STATEMENT

All information contained in this application or developed in any subsequent investigation or interview will be held in the strictest of confidence. Information will be used only in connection with your application to sit for the CLI examination. Information will not be released to any other person, firm, agency, or organization without your express written permission.

## QUALIFICATIONS, BACKGROUND AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

1. Applicant must devote a majority of their practice to negligence investigation for the plaintiff **and/or** criminal defense investigation, and be employed by a law firm or an investigative firm. Please provide the name, address, and telephone number of at least two (2) persons who can verify that you meet this requirement.

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2. Applicant must be a licensed Private Investigator if required by the State in which the applicant is practicing or employed. Please attach a photocopy of your license and provide the name, address, and telephone number of the licensing authority in your State on the back of the copy of your license.
3. Applicant must have a minimum five years verifiable work experience as a full time legal negligence investigator for the plaintiff **and/or** as a criminal defense investigator. Applicant may substitute successful completion of at least 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of course work at an accredited college or university for one year of work experience (must submit proof). Do you meet this requirement? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Have you ever been denied a Private Investigator license? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, on a separate sheet of paper please state the date, name and address of the licensing authority, basis for denial, and all dispositions.
5. Has your Private Investigator license, if required by your state, ever been suspended or revoked? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, on a separate sheet of paper please state the date, basis for the suspension or revocation, nature of the complaint or allegation(s), name and address of the licensing authority, and all dispositions.
6. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, on a separate sheet of paper please state the date, nature of the offense, the jurisdiction of adjudication, court, and the file/docket number.
7. Are you currently a member of the National Association of Legal Investigators, Inc.? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Are you a former member of the National Association of Legal Investigators, Inc.? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Are you a member of any other professional association? If yes, please list:

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10. Have you received any certified professional accreditations? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, on a separate sheet of paper please list your accreditations, name and address of the certifying body or agency and the current status.

11. Do you agree to abide by the CLI Committee rules and requirements, as well as the Code of Ethics adopted by the National Association of Legal Investigators, Inc.? \_\_\_\_\_

12. If you are not a member of the National Association of Legal Investigators, Inc., do you agree to be bound by the provisions and appeal processes guaranteed under Section VIII: Discipline, of the National Association of Legal Investigators, Inc. Constitution and the discipline process outlined in the CLI brochure? \_\_\_\_\_

13. How did you learn of the CLI Certification Program? \_\_\_\_\_

## **CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION AUTHORIZATION**

I have personally reviewed the information set forth in the Certified Legal Investigator Program brochure and in this application to become a Certified Legal Investigator. I certify that the foregoing information submitted is true and complete and I have not attempted to mislead or conceal any fact concerning my background or qualifications. I further understand that if my application is accepted, any misleading or false statements on this application may be considered grounds for revocation of an earned certification.

The National Association of Legal Investigators, Inc. is hereby authorized to investigate my personal and professional background for the purpose of determining certification eligibility. I authorize the release of any and all records concerning me and I do release from liability any person, company, or government agency who furnishes such information. A photocopy of this authorization form shall be valid as the original and in force for 180 days from the date of my signature evidenced below.

By signing this application, I hereby agree to abide by the policies and guidelines found in the CLI Brochure (see [www.NALlonline.org](http://www.NALlonline.org)) if I obtain the CLI designation.

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of Applicant

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Date

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Signature

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

Please review all sections of the Certified Legal Investigator Program and Continuing Education Requirements as published by the National Association of Legal Investigators, Inc. or contact the following:

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