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Fall Conference a Big Hit

OALI held its latest conference on October 19, at the Spirit Mountain Casino in Grand Ronde. The conference began at 8:30 AM and went thru 5:00 PM. Attendees were awarded 6.5 continuing education credits as the subject matter was quite educational and extensive. There were many member attendees and several non-members as well. We even signed up a new member! Thank you to Paige VanLangingham for her help with that one.

The conference was a financial success as well, as it paid for itself.

The education available was first rate. We had four speakers and they were all timely and excellent. First up was Steve Todd, from southern California. Steve manufactures the new high tech fingerprint recovery systems known as "Vacuum Metal Deposition." Not only does he sell these items but he provides the service to

investigators who need it, at an affordable price. Steve can be reached at 714-810-4949.

Next, Ann Christian, the director of the indigent defense services commission gave us a rundown of the new organizational structure of this state agency, so important to many of us, as well as providing a little bit of a 'heads up' regarding some of the problems the budget crisis is going to cause us.

After lunch we were lucky to have Paula Barran, an attorney who spoke to us about the details of the FCRA, and how it affects us as investigators, and what to do about it. Ms. Barran opened quite a few eyes, I believe and really laid the cards on the table. Investigators everywhere need to get educated and understand that this legislation has dramatically altered our profession and affected our work product. This

is not something any one of us can afford to ignore. Finally, we had Dr. Toby Hayes, a specialist in injury biomechanics and accident reconstruction. He gave an entertaining and informative speech about injury investigations and the accidents and injuries themselves. Now we know what to look for! Thanks again to all our great speakers.

Dan Matarazzo



OBI News

On October 22, Kelly Paige, executive director of the OBI, sent out a memo that proposed an increase in provisional investigator licensing fees. The proposal would raise the fees from \$275 to \$550, making them equal to regular investigators fees. This proposal will be published in the Oregon Bulletin on November 1st. Anyone

wishing to comment and/or request a hearing on this rule must submit a request within 21 days of its being published (or 28 days after mailing, whichever is greater). If sufficient requests are made (at least 10) then a hearing will be scheduled. Notice for this hearing must be published at least 14 days prior to said hearing.

Ed, Note. This is a highlight of Kelly's mailer of 10-22-02

The Continuing Education Committee of the OBI formalized the Continuing Education Guidelines, on 10-28-02, at our meeting. The proposed guidelines will be presented for approval to the Oregon Board of Investigators at

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OBI News, continued

their meeting 11-01-02. Copies of the proposed guidelines will be available to those investigators in attendance at the meeting. I hope that some investigators will be able to attend that meeting. We did not have any investigators at our public meeting on 10-28-02

Tom Baird, Chairman
Continuing Education
Committee
Oregon Board of Investigators

Ed. note: This is a repost of Mr. Baird's email to the forum on 10-29-02

Following are web pages relating to the increased Provisional Investigator fees change proposed by the Oregon Board of Investigators.

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking:

<http://www.obl.state.or.us/LawsandRules/Notice-Div5-10-02.pdf>

Statement of Need:

<http://www.obl.state.or.us/LawsandRules/Need-Div5-10-02.pdf>

Proposed Rule Amendment Text
<http://www.obl.state.or.us/LawsandRules/TextDiv5prop10-02.pdf>

If the above web addresses do not work, you can find the notice on the OBI website:
<http://www.obl.state.or.us/Welcome.htm>

Select: "Administrative Rulemaking"
Then, select each of the three items listed under the heading: "220-005-0005 through 220-005-0010 Amend"

Ed. Note: This is a repost of Patricia's email to the forum of 10-29-02



OALI Annual Meeting Summation edited for publishing

Annual Meeting

The 2002 annual membership meeting was called to order by President Stuart Steinberg on Friday, June 7 in Hood River. Attendance was estimated at about 20 people.

2001-2002

President's Report

Stu said he wished there were a bigger turnout. He acknowledged a potential conflict with the annual OCDLA conference a week later. He said there was plenty of notice about the meeting. He talked about the agenda organization. He said there had been plenty of time to bring up items for old business. His comments on that were not recorded.

Stu introduced the regional directors and officers from

the past year. He particularly praised Patricia Vollbrecht and David Vollbrecht for going beyond what was expected of them as officers to organize and administer the Association and regular conferences. He noted that past President Cynthia Hamilton and past executive director Tom Baird, who are both sitting on the OBI now, were attending the business meeting. Also attending were board members Pat Higgins, Michael Padilla, Henry Schifter. Other members who registered or were present included Jerry Canning, William Hamilton, Bonnie Lou Hower, Bill Lioio, Mike Lynch, Bob McManus, Charles Murphy, Jeff Nussman, Greg Parson,

Bob Peterson, Ralph Radmer, Shelley Radmer and Sallie Torres.

Stu said a goal if he were re-elected would be to have at least one regional meeting in each of the seven regions over the next year. He noted that people are joining and re-joining the Association due to changes.

He said that the waiting period for membership dues had been too long and was being shortened. He said it is hard to get tough and make people pay their dues but it looked like the Association had 200 members.

He said the officers and the membership are making the organization a better organization. Stu praised

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Minutes, continued

the Eugene conference in the fall of 2001, the computer conference and others where he said he learned a lot. He said the computer conference that Pat Higgins organized was packed, popular, and profitable. He said people attended for the knowledge more than the education credit. He praised the wide array of topics that went more into the civil work and other areas beyond criminal defense where OALI had been focused more in the past. He said Steve Todd was expected to speak at the fall 2002 conference on vacuum metal deposition to reveal fingerprints. He said he would like to see more topics on state and federal laws and court opinions. He said the conferences are just going to get better and better. He said he would like to see more two-day conferences that focus on a single topic area like the email tracing and computer conference.

Telephone Referral Service

Patricia Vollbrecht talked about the toll free 866-telephone referral. It's connected 24 hours to a human answering service. They give three referrals in the field of expertise and location for the area the caller inquires about. She said this is another reason for members to notify the officers of any address changes.

Web Site:

Patricia said the Association went to a new web site host, Driven, located in Canada. The site was to come online in a week or two. It was to be updated by the OALI board on a monthly basis. She said the directory books are being updated three times a year. Stu said that Ted Tolliver expressed interest in being the new webmaster. Stu said that Ted might be sent to British Columbia to be trained by Driven on how to manage the website. Patricia said that Driven was chosen because it built the website for AIASS. Stu said he asked Driven to a link to two websites he finds useful: www.crimetime.com by Robert Scott, and www.findlaw.com. He elaborated on what can be found on each site.

Members Handbook:

David Vollbrecht said all new members are given a loose-leaf binder and the updates are sent out as loose-leaf pages in the mail or handed out at conferences. The members' list of specialties is valuable to find people who can help with a particular problem or area. He encouraged members to give these people a call and ask them questions. He said he hopes this will lead to a mentor program eventually. The members listing also helps the answering service send referrals. He said he sent

out 195 new member packets with a questionnaire asking if members accept referrals, whether they take referrals from attorneys only, government and/or the general public, government only, and what geographic areas.

Booklet:

David Vollbrecht said the officers are researching the benefits of replacing the loose-leaf binder format of the handbook with a smaller brochure-size booklet that could fit into a briefcase or glove box and be sent out at a lower postage rate. It may cost more to print the booklets but it could save on the postage. Stu praised David for all his work.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer David Vollbrecht reported \$45,000 in income. The majority of the income comes from conferences. He reported about \$21,000 from conferences. The second highest source of revenue is from dues. The third is videos. It has been a big surprise, he said, that the videos have been so popular. A tape duplication machine has helped. It takes about a week to get the videos done after a seminar and they are shipped the next week. When people call for tapes they get shipped with a one day turnaround. Videotape income is climbing



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significantly. He showed slides of pie charts for revenue and expenses. Total current assets were reported as \$26,035, with \$19,000 in savings.

Most expenses are incurred in putting on the conferences. Most conferences are coming out about even. Facility rentals are the biggest expense. The officers are looking at facilities that might be less money than large hotels. Members have said they like to stay at the same location and not have to manage transportation. One member said that years ago they used to get the conference room free in return for reserving the motel rooms. Patricia said that is no longer the case. A Conference Committee is being formed to look at these issues. Stu said that the fall conference was originally planned at Seven Feathers south of Roseburg but they are having second thoughts now about it due to the distance from so many active members. They said that Spirit Mountain west of Salem is more cost-effective than Seven Feathers. Stu said that hosting the computer conference at Spirit Mountain was significant in the income factor for that conference. Changing from plaques to giving clocks and other things more useful has brought down those expenses from past years.

The board has discussed the fact that the goal is not to amass a big savings account. He says the goal is to turn the assets toward something positive for the Association. If the membership can make money from the referral system, if people can learn from the conferences, then the money is being spent wisely. He said the IRS allows non-profits to make a profit as long as they put the money back in the organization or other allowed purposes.

Stu said some of the goals for the money include buying a digital projector instead of renting it for several hundred dollars for each conference. The president can decide to spend amounts up to \$300 but after that he needs the board's approval. Stu went over the following goals and explained more about each one.

Goals for 2002-2003

1. Build on the Outreach Concept.
2. Work with Indigent Defense Services to Improve Payment
3. Continue work on the Referral System
4. Continue work on the Website
5. Establish working partnerships with the OBI.
6. Develop a mentoring program.
7. Continue with the concept program "We're Working for You."

8. Develop more money-saving membership benefits, i.e. insurance and credit card services.

9. Continue with focus seminars that provide members with information on how to improve their skills and businesses.

10. Investigate the feasibility of establishing an Academy for Private Investigators.

Indigent Defense Services

Stu said he agreed to go into the IDS and work on a per-diem-basis only for two weeks in August to review invoices to see which expenses that various judges do not approve. He said this needs a closer look to determine why expenses are not getting approved. Some clerks have asked why court-appointed investigators get paid .325 cents a mile or paid for mileage at all. When the new commission takes over, all the bills will go straight to Salem. This is expected to cut 2-3 weeks off the billing cycle.

OBI

Stu said it has helped a lot having Cynthia Hamilton and Tom Baird as board members on the OBI. He said he is impressed with Jim Hennings though he disagrees with his stand on licensing staff investigators. He said that Patricia Vollbrecht will not be able to continue being the OBI Liaison and that position needs to be filled.



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Minutes, continued

He asked if anyone in the room wanted the job. When no one raised a hand, he said he is also waiting for Thia Bell to answer his email to see if she is interested in the job. (She answered before the conference but he did not get the mail. She suggested a Liaison Committee instead of one person.) He said the issue of how to get 1500 hours of experience to qualify, as a full investigator is an issue for those coming into the trade. This is something that OALI may want to look at, in perhaps starting a school.

Insurance

Pat Higgins reported on options for health insurance that he has researched. He said the state Bar has a good program and you can become an associate member if you have an attorney sponsor. He will ask the Bar if OALI could join as a group. Stu said the group is also looking for an Errors and Omission insurance provider who could give a group cost. AIASS members are eligible for reduced E&O policy rates.

Legislative Goals

Stu said that there would have to be some adjustments to the last year's process (now that the former lobbyist has moved away. Some asked about the duties. Stu said the executive director

should be the lobbyist. He encouraged Bill Lioio to become the lobbyist.

Outreach Booth

Past President Mike Lynch said he arranged years ago for a display booth at the annual state bar conference but that eventually fell by the wayside. He said he thinks it was \$500 at that time. Stu said he felt it was a good idea that should be pursued. Stu said there are a lot of lawyers that do not know OALI exists. He said OALI should have a booth at the OCDLA conferences.

Elections

Stu said the number of ballots returned was disappointing but at least there were no hanging chads. He said one ballot could not be counted because it was returned on a photocopy, not the original paper, and its authenticity was thus in question. No numbers of ballots or votes cast for candidates were released. The winners were announced as follows:

2002-2003 OALI Officers
 President- Stu Steinberg – re-elected
 VP – Patricia Vollbrecht – re-elected
 Secretary -Shelly Radmer – newly elected
 Treasurer- David Vollbrecht – re-elected
 Sgt. At Arms – Ted Tolliver – re-elected
 NW Regional I-

Pat Higgins – re-elected
 NE Regional - Henry Shifter – re-elected and re-assigned
 Eastern Regional – Mike Padilla – re-elected and re-assigned
 Eastern Regional – Denise Johnson – newly elected
 Valley Regional – Paige VanLanningham – newly elected
 Southern Regional – Will Ray – newly elected
 Central Regional – Jeff Nussman – newly elected.

Amendments

All the Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws passed.

New Board Discussion:

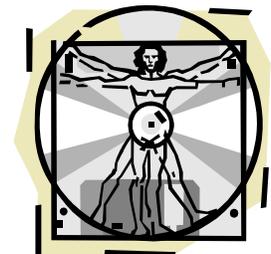
Stu said the new board would hold its first meeting at 6 p.m. after the conference the following day. He encouraged all members to attend, to suggest items for the agenda, and to step up and help the board. He said the board needed a new executive director.

Newsletter

Stu said the Association needs a newsletter editor. He said he asked Thia Bell who put out an online edition in the spring to continue and expand with informational articles. He said his proposal to the board would be to use part of the funds to pay someone \$2,000 a year to put out a newsletter. (Thia



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Summation, continued

Bell, who was not told of the money, declined the editorship before the meeting based on the lack of software among other issues.) Tom Baird said the board raised the fees to pay for the journal and there is a lot of money in the bank but there is no journal any longer. Bill Lioio said the membership should be asked what they want and that an editor should be compensated. Someone said that the journal just did not go to members, it went to the clients and sat in their reception office but it was maybe more advanced than was needed for the small organization. Pat Higgins said the journal required an editor, a publisher and an ad director. He said once a year it went out to all investigators in the state and it was hoped to go to the Bar membership but it did not go that far. It needed more advertising. He said it takes three people to put out the journal. He said they need to live in close proximity to put out the journal. They met several times a month. He said you need commitment. Stu said the former journal was very nice but it needs a way to be paid for. Discussion ensued about doing the journal as an annual that could be a display model and then do the rest of the issues over the Internet. Tom Baird said it was difficult to twist people's arms to get them to write

articles. Mike Lynch said that when he was president they had about 50 members and a hard time getting volunteers. Now we have 200 members, and still have a hard time getting volunteers. Someone said the vacancies should be posted until they are filled.

Reciprocity

A long discussion ensued about the reciprocity needs and how the relaxation of licensing requirements in Oregon has jeopardized the new reciprocity agreement with California and the potential of others with other states. The need to educate provisional investigators, to make up an adequate, informative exam and to raise the bar on admission was discussed. The need for a new exam that provides more principles of investigation and more specific laws was emphasized. Someone suggested covering more basics in the conferences. Tom Baird said the OBI is putting together a new test that will be based on reference material that you have to buy to study. He said he needs help putting together that test. Stu said maybe they could put together a training class to take the test.

Forum

Stu said he wanted to be able to take people off the Forum for 30 days the first time they print something he feels is slanderous. He

cited one member's alleged post about another member. He named both people. Pat Higgins suggested a warning letter first. Cynthia Hamilton said she did not think there should be a warning letter first. No decision was made. (One person mentioned was not a member and the specific post Stu mentioned did not run on the Forum. It ran on another list.)

CLI Certification

Author/speaker Frank Ritter, CLI, asked to speak on CLI certification. He is on the Certified Legal Investigator Committee of the National Association of Legal Investigators. He said that about 40 percent of the applicants fail the CLI exam. He said it was one of the most prestigious in the nation. He said some other places have exams that no one fails and that make them meaningless. He explained the CLI process and requirements. He said there are only 121 people in the nation who have that status. He said there are 25 states that currently require licensing but that is slowly changing. He said this was his 22nd convention in 14 months since his book came out. Everywhere he goes people laugh about the Texas exam where there has yet to be any failures.

The annual meeting adjourned.

This report was respectfully submitted by Thia Bell, an absentee voter who watched a video of the meeting provided by David Vollbrecht.





The Fair Credit Reporting Act. An Editorial By Daniel Matarazzo

The Fair credit Reporting Act is a far reaching law with many unintended consequences. It was very well intentioned in that it was meant to provide protections to consumers against egregious criminal activities, like identity theft. The problem with the law, however, is that it leaves our profession in

a real pickle. By the definition of the act, we, as investigators, acquire, for the purpose of publication (to our clients) personal public record information about consumers (read person) that may affect them in their employment or business relations in the future. Even though we have no

intention of publishing credit information, due to poor wording we are included. Instead of getting angry, I'm asking you to get involved. Some good people in congress have seen the error in this law. Rep. Pete Sessions has introduced HR 1543, that will specifically exclude investigators

from the effects of the FCRA. We need to support him in this effort. We need to support NALI and NCISS in their lobbying efforts. They need money. But they also need you to write your congressman and ask him to support HR 1543. I received the following example letter from Buddy Bombet and Ed McClain.

Dear Representative

Re: HR 1543

I'm asking for your help on a matter of utmost importance to the safety and security of your constituents.

The Federal Trade Commission has determined that the Fair Credit Reporting Act requires the permission of a suspect before any third party investigation can be conducted in the workplace. The law also mandates that any report prepared by an investigator be provided in unedited form to the suspect employee if any adverse action is taken against the employee. That information could include a list of witnesses who first identified the suspect employee.

As absurd as that sounds, it is the state of the law-the unintended consequence of 1996 amendments to the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA). As a result, employers are being left to their own devices to try to deal with suspected employee theft, drug abuse and harassment. Employers who use impartial third parties including investigators, human resource consultants and attorneys to deal with these dangerous and sometimes complicated investigations expose themselves to unlimited damages under the FCRA.

Both the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Supreme Court have advised employers to use impartial, outside investigators for many of these investigations. The unintended consequences of the FCRA have created a roadblock for employers attempting to comply with civil rights law and the protection of both the public and employees.

Congressman Pete Sessions and Representative Sheila Jackson-Lee have introduced HR 1543, the "Civil Rights and Employee Investigation Clarification Act" to assure that this commendable credit statute does not impede employers from using experts to conduct investigations of misconduct and violence in the workplace. Won't you please let Congressman Sessions know of your support for his efforts? Or have your staff contact Élan Liang (x 52231) of his staff to ask to cosponsor his bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

**We need to support
NALI and NCISS in
their lobbying efforts.
They need money.
But they also need
you to write your
congressman and
ask him to support
HR 1543**



Stu calls it quits...

After eighteen months at the helm of OALI as our president, Stu Steinberg has decided to resign. VP Patricia Vollbrecht will assume command on 01-01-03. The vacant vice presidential position will be filled by vote at a date to be determined. The very capable NW Regional Director, Patrick Higgins, has been nominated to run for VP.

Stu says that he is retiring from the game altogether. Thirty years of looking at dead bodies have taken their toll and Stu wants to concentrate on his family for a while.

I wouldn't rule out a comeback

in a few years, as Stu is still a young guy.

OALI is in great hands with Patricia and the rest of the board so we have no worries in that regard. Stu has also agreed to help out and advise for a while as well. He just needs a break from the grind.

We wish him well, he has been a great President.

Stu is the President of High Desert Investigations in Terrebonne, OR and is one of the foremost criminal defense investigators in Oregon. He is a death penalty specialist and has won the acquittal of too many to

count and gotten several people, who were wrongly convicted, off of death row.

Dan Matarazzo



Will Ray elected as Southern Regional Director

New Director Will Ray, well known to OALI members, has taken over the Southern region. He is starting off very quickly as well. Hot on the heels of the OALI fall conference, Will hosted a networking meeting on November 4th, 2002, at the Seven Feathers Casino, in Canyonville.

Will had three speakers lined up and the meeting was worth 4.5 hours of free CE.

The first speaker was Stu Steinberg, OALI president and a criminal defense investigator. Stu talked about "Evidence Rules." The second speaker Russell K Ward, a retired IRS special agent for criminal investigations talked about Criminal Tax and Financial Fraud. The third speaker Toby Hayes, Ph.D., gave a lecture on Biomechanics.

According to Will, there were 28 in attendance, 13 new member applications were handed. One investigator from Ontario, California said he has been meaning to join OALI for a long time.

The audience asked lots of questions of the speakers, which is a sign of a successful, and educational meeting. Guests came from Yreka and Ontario, California, as well as

Sutherlin, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Medford, and Clackamas, Oregon, to name a few. Our OALI Regional Directors are often the first OALI member, prospective members meet, and are quickly becoming the backbone of this association.

Dan Matarazzo

Upcoming Events

November 9-10

Michelle Yontef's Telco Secrets Workshop

Radisson Hotel
Chatsworth CA
www.ma-bell.com

November 15-16

GAPPI Annual Conference

Georgia National Convention Center

www. Gapi.org





October 19 Board Meeting

President Steinberg called the meeting to order at 4:50 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

Rescind Vote. Page VanLaningham moved that the Board rescind the vote of the last meeting naming Patrick Higgins as the new vice president to fill the vacancy that will be left when Patricia Vollbrecht moves to President. This is due to Constitutional restriction contained in Article 5 (2) (a, c). Pat Higgins seconded and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No Treasurer's report was presented due to the fact that the report made at the September 21st Board meeting was still current.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Newsletter.
Dan Matarazzo needs help with the newsletter. Stu Steinberg said he would help after the first of the year. In the meantime Stu will post to the form an appeal for help.

NEW BUSINESS

Regional Directors' Funding.
Will Ray suggested that a certain amount of funding be approved in advance to

the Regional Directors for the entire year. Patricia Vollbrecht suggested \$75 per meeting. Stu Steinberg said the President can authorize up to \$300 without Board approval and it could be discussed on a case-by-case basis among Board members by e-mail. Paige VanLaningham said that if C.E.s are involved it should be more than \$75. Paige VanLaningham moved that Regional Directors meeting funds be approved in an amount not to exceed \$150 per meeting, excluding postage, administrative fees and advertising, when the meeting has speakers that qualify for Continuing Education Credits. Denise Johnson seconded and the motion carried.

Forum Rules.
Gary Crowe recommended divesting OALI of the Forum and turning it into a non-moderated forum open to all Oregon licensed investigators. Paige VanLaningham moved that Dave Vollbrecht look into the OALI Forum situation based on Gary Crowe's suggestion and that he work with Gary to bring a recommendation to the Board. Denise Johnson seconded and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Paige VanLaningham moved for adjournment and Gary Parson seconded. The motion carried. Paige VanLaningham then moved to reopen the meeting to finish another item of business. Denise Johnson seconded and the motion carried

Membership Director.
The position of Membership Director was discussed. Patrick Higgins reported that Rick Templeton has expressed an interest in the position. Shelley Radmer moved that Patricia Vollbrecht post to the Forum that the Membership Director position is open, list the duties, and ask for nominations. Gary Parson seconded and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Shelley Radmer moved for adjournment and Patricia Vollbrecht seconded. The motion carried.

President Steinberg adjourned the meeting at 6:02 PM.



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About the Editor

I have never written or published anything before, but I was willing to try. I hope this effort was not overly embarrassing! I did not receive any submissions, save the "minutes," this time around, but I would appreciate any member input for our next issue.

This is my first year as a professional investigator, though investigating is what I do best. I have always wanted to be a famous detective, so I decided to go for it.

I have thirteen years in the automotive business, mostly in loans and finance. I started and operated (for 2 years) a full-fledged finance company for a former employer. I owned my own car lot for 6 years. I did my own entire skip tracing, asset recovery, repossessions, and collections, as well as all the pre-loan

application evaluations. I carried my own loan paper, so I had to be thorough.

I have a BA from the University of Washington, and have completed coursework towards an MBA, at Portland State University.

Due to my financial background I thought that fraud investigations would be up my alley. I am currently beginning studies to achieve my CFE (Certified Fraud Examiner) designation, through the ACFE.

I am specializing in skip tracing and asset recovery right now. I have an investigator buddy who is teaching me the ropes in insurance investigations. I would say that I am primarily a financial investigations specialist. I also want to get into criminal defense work.

I am a pretty streetwise guy who is a quick thinker and real good "crisis manager." People frequently call me when they don't have any idea what to do; I get them out of trouble. I have a college education, but I feel my biggest advantage is common sense. If you want to contact me please feel free. I would love to hear about any suggestions you might have.

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