

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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### **EDUCATION:**

**Texas Wesleyan University School of Law- J.D.**

**University of Texas at Arlington - B.A.**

**University of Texas at Arlington Graduate Course Work MBA Finance**

**University of Texas at Arlington Graduate Course Work MPA**

**Texas Real Estate Commission - Full Broker Course Work**

Approximately **9,000 classroom hours** of Law/Investigation / Law Enforcement Training

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### **LICENSES:**

(Historical Listing-All licenses may not be maintained)

**State Bar of Texas**-Licensed as an Attorney at Law under Bar Card No. 24034318

United States District Courts for the Eastern District of Texas-admitted

United States District Courts for the Northern District of Texas-admitted

**Texas Real Estate Commission**

- **Broker** -1972/Present

**State Board of Insurance -**

- Local Recording Agent's License 1972/1996

- 02 Solicitor's License 1972/1997

- 06 Solicitor's License 1976/1989

- 0559 Approved Continuing Education Provider

**Texas Department of Public Safety-Private Security Bureau**

- Owner/Officer/Director/Manager License - 1972/Present

- Licensed Private Investigator - 1972/Present

- Commissioned Security Officer - 1976/Present

- Licensed School Director - 1976/Present

- Branch Office Manager - 1974/Present

- Level 3 Commission School Instructor - 1980/Present

- Level 4 Instructor of Personal Protection Officers

- Approved Level 4 (PPO) School Director and instructor

- Licensed Personal Protection Officer

- Texas Certified Investigator (TCI) designation

- Approved TCPS continuing Education Instructor

**California Board of Regulations** - 1986/1992 - Owner/Officer/Manager of a P.I. Company

**Oklahoma Board of Private Investigators** - 1993/94 - Approved Continuing Education Instructor

**Texas Education Agency** - 1976/85 - Approved School and Director. Approved for VA funding.

**Texas Department of Public Safety**- Concealed handgun license

**Texas Savings and Loan Commission** - Unlicensed but completed mandatory courses

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### **INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

**2001/6** Half Moon legal seminars-Topic instructor

**August 2006** Advanced Family Law Seminar-speaker

**2001/6** Seminar Speaker Texas Association of Licensed Investigators

**1991/96** University of Texas Arlington Legal Assistant Program

**1983/91** Fun Ed - CEU Course - 'How To Be a PI'

**1984** Texas A&M University - Investigative Procedure - Interview Techniques  
**1986** University of Texas - Investigative Procedure  
**1987** UCLA - Investigative Procedure  
**1994** UTA - Investigative Classes  
**1990/93** US Department of Justice AUSA Training Sessions  
**1990** Dept of Labor & EEOC Contract Training  
**1994** US Department of Labor - TITLE 7&9 Investigative Training  
**1991** US Department of Treasury - Customs/Border Patrol/Secret Service Contract Training  
**1972/Present** Texas Commission on Private Security - Approved 30 Hour Training Course.  
**1980/90** North Texas Regional Police Academy  
**1984/86** Texas A&M Extension Service Regional Police Academy  
**1986/91** Dallas Sheriff's Academy - Occasional Lecturer  
**1991/95** State Insurance Board - How To Recognize a Fraudulent Claim  
**1991/95** State Board of Insurance - Subrogation and Asset Location  
**1972/76** Texas Real Estate Commission - Real Estate Principals and Practices  
**1985/Present** Topical Speeches to Organizations  
**1996/Present** TCPS MCE 'Mini-Academy' - 15 Hours Continuing Education  
**1996/Present** Personal Protection Officer Training

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### **EMPLOYMENT:**

**2003-Present** Attorney-Jim Bearden & Associates, PLLC  
 Representative Clients- Toyota Motor Credit Corp., Japanese Government, Corporations  
**2001-2003** *Attorney*-Burleson, Pate & Gibson LLP --Litigation attorney  
**1973-Present** *President - CEO*- Bearden Investigative Agency, Inc. - An Investor Owned Corporation with a national reputation Dealing in sophisticated Investigations for Attorneys, Private and Governmental Clients.  
**1991-1993 -** *Retired -engaged in non-profit entity management*  
**1972-1991 -** *Founded and Managed Private Investigative and Security Firm - Employed up to 600 People. Sold to public corporation.*  
**1972-1984 -** BEI, Inc. - *COB* of Commercial Construction and Real Estate Development Firm  
**1976-1984 -** Center City Mortgage Corp. - **Co-Founder** and **Director** of this residential mortgage origination and wholesale purchaser of residential mortgages - Sold to National Mortgage Company in 1984  
**1974/76 -** Lakeside Development Corporation - *Vice President/Director* of a Residential Construction Company.  
**1971/73 -** *US Intelligence agency* - Special Operations Officer on Both Foreign and Domestic Assignment.

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### **AWARDS & RECOGNITION:**

**2004/5** **State Bar of Texas-Legal Assistant Committee Member**  
**2003/04** **Chairman of Criminal Justice Advisory committee-Everest College**  
**2003/04** **Chairman Ethics Advisory Board-Texas Association of Licensed Investigators**  
**1993/4** **Chairman of the Board** - Texas State Museum of History  
**1993** **Vice Chairman** - Leonard Music Institute For Children  
**1991** **Director** -Presidential appointee- University of Texas at Arlington Alumni Association  
**1982/96** **Who's Who** in the Southwest, **Who's Who** in the US - Business - Multiple Years  
**1972** **City Council** Candidate - City of Arlington - 1972  
**1969** **Mayor's Commission** for Goals For Dallas  
**1980** **Presidential Certificate** of Appreciation  
**1995** **Committee Chairman** - Boy Scouts of America - Longhorn Council  
**1994** **Leadership Arlington**  
**1996** **US Olympic Committee Selection** as '**Community Hero**' **Torchbearer** of Olympic Flame  
**1997** **Ranked** as *twenty-fourth (24<sup>th</sup>) fastest growing* privately held firm in Texas (of 80,000 eligible) by the SMU Caruth School of Business CEO Institute of Dallas.  
**1981** Considered for appointment to the **White House** Staff.  
**1999/Present** **Board Member**- City of Arlington Business Loan Review Committee and Property Rehabilitation Board

1972/ 1999      **Movies-** Approximately 25+ cases on which BIA worked have been made into movies  
1972/1999      **Books-** Over 30 cases that BIA has worked on have had books written about them.

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

(historical listing)

State Bar of Texas  
American Bar Association  
Texas Trial Lawyer  
Admitted before the United States District Court for the Northern & Eastern Districts of Texas  
Texas Association of Licensed Investigators  
Association of Certified Fraud Examiners  
California Association of Investigators  
Association of Licensed Investigators of New York  
North Texas Private Investigators Association  
American Society of Industrial Security  
Professional Insurance Agents Association  
National Association of Chiefs of Police  
International Society for Professional Hypnosis  
Leadership Arlington  
Goals for Dallas  
United States Process Servers Association  
Delta Tau Delta Fraternity  
The Leadership Council  
The American Inns of Court-Judge Eldon D. Mahon chapter  
Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity  
University of Texas at Arlington Alumni Board Member  
Moot Court Society  
Texas Certified Investigator (TCI) Professional Designation -TALI  
TALI Professional Licensed Investigator (TPLI)  
Leonard Music Institute-Vice Chairman  
Texas State Museum of History-Chairman  
Everest College-Advisory Board

## ARTICLES AND PUBLISHED WORKS

*Licensed Investigators, New bill requires all investigators be licensed*, Texas Bar Journal, January 2004 ,Volume 67, Number 1.

*Texas Divorce Law*, The Texas Investigator, March 2001 Volume 7, number 3

*The Texas Investigator*, Quarterly Article as General Counsel to the Texas Association of Licensed Investigators on matters of significance to the profession.

*Paralegal or Investigator? New law may require paralegals to be licensed to do investigations*, Dallas Bar Association *Headnotes*, Volume 28, No. 8, August 1, 2004.

*Look Before You Snoop! 26<sup>th</sup> Advanced Family Law Presentation, Texas Bar Association;  
Chapter 36, August 2006, Speaker before the attendees and contributor to manual.*