



Dugas Legal Investigations

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Domestic Investigation Instructions:

Legal advice: Dugas Legal Investigations (or its staff) cannot give any legal advice related to your domestic investigation. DLI highly recommends that you seek legal advice from an attorney to secure and understand your rights under Louisiana law in domestic cases.

Before you meet with the investigator: DLI investigators are happy to answer your preliminary questions over the telephone regarding domestic investigations; however, a consultation must be set up with a state licensed private investigator before any investigation will be started on your behalf. Before you meet with the investigator, please do the following:

- 1) Print and review the investigative agreement setting forth the terms and fees of the domestic investigation;
- 2) Print, review and complete the DLI new domestic client form. Please remember that all facts and details, no matter how small, may be helpful in your investigation;
- 3) Color photos of the subject(s). If the domestic investigation includes child custody, please include photos of the children along with their respective ages.;
- 4) In child custody cases, a copy of the court order setting forth child custody guidelines and/or visitation rules between the parties; and
- 5) Please secure the necessary retainer for your domestic investigation. All retainers are subject to the terms of the agreement and must be received prior to the commencement of any investigation. DLI provides clients with the ability to pay by credit card; however, there is an additional fee for this service.

Appointment with investigator: Once you have all your information and retainer collected, please contact DLI to set up a meeting with an investigator. Please understand that DLI requires a few days notice before commencing an investigation; therefore, DLI will not be starting on your assignment the same of the meeting, unless prior arrangements have been made with DLI. In an effort to better serve our clients, DLI needs to conduct an activity of the location(s) for surveillance and time to verify information provided by the client.

During the investigation: DLI will provide you with regular updates regarding the pending investigation. At no time during the investigation should the client arrive at any surveillance location or attempt to interfere with the ongoing investigation. In an effort to achieve the best results for the client, the investigation will be guided by the investigator (and client's attorney) at all times.

Conclusion of the investigation: DLI will provide the client with a written report of investigation and a copy of the surveillance videotape on DVD at the rates charged by DLI for the same. Additional copies of the report and DVD may be requested for your attorney at the additional. DLI is also available to testify in court on your behalf regarding the investigative report and videotape; however, DLI charges the regular hourly investigative rate for this service.

This Domestic Investigation Instruction sheet does not modify or change any of the terms set forth in the investigative agreement.

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