

PARRENT SMITH INVESTIGATIONS



Global Research and Investigations



Information You Need to Know

**PARRENT SMITH
INVESTIGATIONS & RESEARCH**

is a full service private investigation firm providing investigative and research services to the legal and business communities.

For a free consultation, please call or email us at either our Southern or Northern California office.

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Or 310-275-8619 in Los Angeles
Or 415-738-2995 in the Bay Area
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Our Services:

Asset Location and Recovery

We are extremely proud of our asset searching capability. Since 2005 we have located over 16 million dollars on judgments referred to us for investigation. In 2007 we were asked to investigate a Federal RICO judgment for \$20 million dollars that had been investigated by other firms for over ten years without success (the judgment had to be renewed). We located one million dollars in a bank in Illinois within four months after receiving the assignment.

Background Investigations

Our clients need background investigations for a many purposes, including witnesses, plaintiffs or defendant backgrounds in civil litigation, for parties in financial transactions, for suspected fraud or for pre-employment backgrounds. We conduct thorough background checks and have the resources and skills to dig back through anyone's past to provide a comprehensive report.

Surveillance

Our surveillance investigations combine state-of-the-art digital photographic equipment with time tested investigative techniques to develop information for our clients that is relevant and timely.

Skip Tracing

Whether it's a witness, defendant, debtor or a lost relative, PSIR has the skill, resources and professional expertise to locate people anywhere.

Due Diligence

Due diligence most frequently refers to the steps taken by investors before investing in a company or the precautionary steps taken by a larger company in deciding to acquire a smaller company. PSIR has the expertise and wherewithal to perform complex due diligence investigations including the analysis of financial statements.

Intellectual Property

One of the most important challenges for companies in this era of global pirating and cloning of products is how to protect valuable Intellectual Property. Joanne Parrent's background in the entertainment and publishing industries and Nic Smith's background in security measures have made PSIR uniquely qualified to help our clients discover theft of and develop systems to prevent IP breaches.

Undercover Investigations

PSIR has conducted numerous undercover operations, many of which were ongoing for months. We have uncovered drug trafficking and drug

use in the workplace and worked to identify thieves who infiltrate retail and wholesale enterprises. One of the most heart-breaking but rewarding undercover investigations we have conducted has been for a client seeking to expose the abusive treatment of animals.

Fraud

According to the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, businesses in the United States have suffered a seven percent (7%) loss of revenue due to fraud. Based on the GDP of 2008, that translates into \$994 BILLION dollars a year!

Fraud in business can take many forms, from complex invoicing schemes to simple kickbacks from vendors. PSIR uses not only traditional investigative methods in ferreting out the perpetrators, but also employ psychological interviewing techniques and some of the principles of Scientific Content Analysis (SCAN)® in our written statement taking. If you suspect you may be the victim of a fraud, call us today for a no-obligation consultation.

Environmental Research

Environmental cases often involve finding answers to not simply scientific but also historical questions, such as: What parties may have contaminated a

site? What neighboring companies may have caused contamination in the area? What clean-up efforts, if any, were done by each party? Finding answers to these types of questions is a specialty of PSIR. In one case, for example, an international port and an oil company were involved in litigation. Our task was to do historical research on the port area surrounding the oil company site for the period prior to 1916. Our investigator did original historical research using records and archives of three former companies that had operations at the port on or near the oil company site before 1916. We were able to provide evidence that helped counsel secure a favorable settlement of the case.

Witness Interviews

Witness are often more comfortable in the presence of a well-trained investigator than speaking with an attorney. While an investigator is working under the direction of the attorney client, the investigator's role is to uncover all of the facts in the case, not prove a theory of what occurred. PSI field investigators are trained in every aspect of witness interviewing and are permitted to conduct field interviews only after they have mastered the stringent requirements developed by the firm partners.

Technical Surveillance Countermeasures (TSCM)

The proliferation of readily available micro-cameras/recorders and voice recorders that can be easily concealed makes the unlawful recording of business communications and activities a very real danger in today's extremely difficult business climate. Competitors who become desperate can resort to desperate measures, like spying on their competition. We use only the latest countermeasures equipment, Protect Yourself! Call us for a consultation on your communications vulnerabilities. IMPORTANT! Do not call us from a phone you suspect is compromised.

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