

RONALD LEE LAX

**Inquisitor, Inc.
364 South Front Street
Memphis, Tennessee 38103**

EDUCATION

B.S. - Accounting, Bethel College, McKenzie, Tennessee

EMPLOYMENT

President/Founder, Inquisitor, Inc.
August, 1978 to Present

I founded Inquisitor, Inc. in 1978 as a full service private investigative firm specializing in insurance fraud investigation. Beginning as a one-man operation, Inquisitor, Inc. has grown to 15 investigators. I hold a private investigator's license in Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, Texas and Montana.

Originally I had complete responsibility for all areas of the company operations, including conducting investigations, making sales calls, typing reports, completing bookkeeping and accounting functions, etc. As the company has grown, my personal duties have changed drastically. Although I am still involved in and responsible for long-range business decisions, the day-to-day operation of the company is adeptly handled by professionals specializing in each particular area.

Since 1990, I have personally conducted investigative work on more than two hundred capital murder cases and have supervised the investigative work on over one hundred additional capital cases. I have conducted extensive guilt/innocence investigations, prepared comprehensive analysis of police investigations, and assisted the attorneys in preparation for both the guilt/innocence and the penalty phases of the trial as well as post-conviction proceedings. I have conducted investigations on capital cases in Tennessee, Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Montana, Ohio, California, Nevada, and Utah.

My role as a guilt/innocence investigator in a capital murder case is to assist the attorney by conducting a thorough investigation into the facts of the case, including:

- * A complete review of all material produced in discovery by the District Attorney General;

- * An analysis of the police investigation determining materials which have not been produced, but which should be in existence;
- * Verifying or discrediting the accounting of events as given by the client and by all other witnesses revealed by the prosecution;
- * Developing additional witnesses who have not been previously interviewed;
- * Conducting a complete background investigation of the client and all other parties involved in the crime;
- * Determining the veracity of witnesses;
- * Examining the forensic reports provided by the prosecution to determine whether defense experts are needed for independent evaluations;
- * Coordinating all materials produced by the prosecution and by the defense team in an easily understandable and accessible form, complimented by a Time-line that includes all pertinent events pre-dating the crime and continues to present;
- * Presenting all information to the attorney in a timely fashion allowing him/her to structure the defense strategy most advantageous for the client.

Assistant Controller, Moore-Memphis

June, 1978 to August, 1978

Responsibilities included maintaining daily, weekly, and monthly production figures for this manufacturing concern and preparing city, county, state, and federal tax documents.

Guardsmark, Inc., Mark Lipman Services Division

October, 1971 to May 1977

Initially I was employed with Mark Lipman Service as an Undercover Investigator. I was later promoted to Manager of Quality Control and finally to Assistant Vice President, Regional Manager, based in Houston, Texas.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS and CONFERENCES

Former Chairman and vice-chairman Tennessee Private Investigation Commission, Regulatory Board, appointed by the Governor of Tennessee.

Charter Member - Tennessee Association of Investigators (TAI)

Member - Tennessee Professional Investigators Association (TPIA)

Member, Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (TACDL)

Member, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL)

Member - National Legal Aid and Defenders Association (NLADA)

Member - California Attorneys for Criminal Justice (CACJ)

Member, Montana Association of Private Investigators and Security Operators

Member - National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (NCADP)

Member – Kentucky Professional Investigator’s Association

February 1992 - Instructor, investigative section of the joint Capital Case Litigation Investigation Seminar, held by Capital Case Resource Center, TACDL and Tennessee Association of Investigators in Nashville, Tennessee

October 1993 - Faculty member, The 1993 Death Penalty Litigation Seminar for Lawyers and Investigators by Capital Case Resource Center and TACDL

September 1994 - Faculty Member, Memphis Bar Association, Domestic Relations Seminar, Memphis, Tennessee

October 1994 - Instructor, TACDL, Team Defense: The Winning Edge, Nashville, Tennessee

January 1995 - Instructor, Dealing with Violence in the Workplace, Nashville, Tennessee

April 1995 - Auditor, CPE Investigation Training Seminar, Jackson, Tennessee

October 1996 - Instructor, TACDL, Capital Case - Creating the Team, Nashville, Tennessee

December 1996 - Instructor, Inquisitor, Inc. - P.I. Continuing Education Seminar, Memphis, Tennessee

February 1997 - Instructor, Inquisitor, Inc., P.I. Continuing Education Seminars, Knoxville, Memphis and Murfreesboro, TN

February 1997 - Instructor, TACDL, Loosening the Death Belt Seminar, Birmingham, Alabama

December 1997 - Instructor, TACDL, Defending Your Clients in Death Penalty Cases, Nashville, Tennessee

June 1998 - Instructor, Inquisitor, Inc., P.I. Continuing Education Seminars, Memphis, Chattanooga, Knoxville and Nashville, Tennessee

November 1999 - Instructor, Inquisitor, Inc., Capital Case Education Seminars, Knoxville, Memphis and Nashville, Tennessee

August 2000 - Instructor, Inquisitor, Inc., Capital Case Education Seminars - Memphis, Nashville and Knoxville, Tennessee

November 2001 - Instructor, TACDL - Criminal Defense Seminar, Building a Team, Nashville, TN

May 2002 - Instructor, Arkansas Association Criminal Defense Lawyers - Annual Conference, Tunica, MS

November 2002 - Instructor, Inquisitor, Inc., Capital Case Education Seminars - Maryville, Tennessee

October 2003 - Instructor, Tennessee Public Defender's Conference, Gatlingburg, TN - Victims

February 2005 - Instructor, Southwestern College - Criminal Justice Class

November 2005 - Instructor, University of Memphis Graduate School - Criminal Justice Class -

March 10, 2006 - Instructor, TACDL - Capital Case Seminar - Dare to Dance, Nashville, TN

REFERENCES

William Massey - Attorney at Law, Memphis, Tennessee

Jim Thomson - Attorney at Law, Berkeley, California

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James S. Liebman - Columbia University School of Law, New York, New York

Mike Passino - Attorney at Law, Nashville, Tennessee

Vince Yustas - Department of Public Advocacy, Capital Case Conflict Center, Elizabethton, KY

Henry Martin - Federal Public Defender's Office, Nashville, Tennessee

George Kendall - Attorney at Law, New York, NY

Edward Mallett - Attorney at Law, Houston, Texas

Dennis Riordan – Attorney at Law, San Francisco, California

David Raybin – Attorney at Law, Nashville, TN

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST