

# Dallas Attorney, Private Investigator Wes Bearden Earns Prestigious Texas Honor



On August 18th at the World Investigator's Conference, The Texas Association of Licensed Investigators (TALI) awarded [Wes Bearden](#) of the [Bearden Investigative Agency](#) the Hudgins-Sallee Award for his dedication and commitment to promoting the profession's highest ethical and professional standards. Mr. Bearden, whose father was a 2010 recipient of the same honor, is the youngest member to receive the Hudgins-Sallee Award, which is considered the association's most distinguished honor.

"I am honored to be selected as a recipient of the 2016 Hudgins-Sallee Award," said Mr. Bearden. "It means a lot to be recognized by an outstanding group of people dedicated to this profession for the same reasons that I am."

Mr. Bearden was selected based on nominations from the association's 600 members and a final review by the 10-member TALI Board of Directors.

"Wes is committed to promoting our industry's highest standards, and he's a great role model for the new generation of investigators," said TALI President Carol Tharp and 2004 recipient of the Hudgins-Sallee Award. "He is always responsive to any concerns or questions that our association has regarding our industry."

Mr. Bearden was described as a child of TALI because of his father's previous participation with the organization. He has served as legal counsel for the TALI Board of Directors, supported the group in legislative issues affecting the industry and provided consultation for individual members.

"Wes is generous with his personal and professional time," said Randy Kildow, a 2011 recipient of the award and former TALI president. "He certainly has distinguished himself as a person of integrity, honor and leadership, which exemplifies what the award is about."

Since 1996, TALI has presented 20 awards to members who exemplify high moral and ethical standards in the industry. The award is named after two former TALI members, Virginia Hudgins and David Sallee, who devoted more than 20 years of service to the association.