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The Maine Licensed Private Investigators Association (MLPIA) is an association made up of professional investigators, such as you, who devote their time and effort to a common cause. Membership in a professional association reflects your understanding of the importance of professional networking and you're an invested member of the career field you'd like to join.

There are many benefits to becoming a MLPIA member, a few of which are:

<u>Court-Appointed Work:</u> Recently, MLPIA submitted a proposal to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services (MCILS) requesting that the current hourly rate of \$25.00 per hour be increased to \$35.00 per hour and then a year later to \$40.00 per hour.

<u>Website:</u> Our newly-designed website allows for users to search for a private investigator by location and/or area of expertise. Members also have the option to include a bio and a photograph. MLPIA has, and continues to be, number 1 in search engines. For those investigators who do not have a website and do not want to invest in a website, you can obtain new clients through our website. If you already have a website, you will still obtain new clients and your name will show up more often being a member of MLPIA. Check out our website at www.mlpia.org.

<u>Networking:</u> There are five general meetings held during the course of the year at various locations in Maine.

- PI's new to the business can seek guidance from experienced members. Our experienced members are always happy to answer questions and help/mentor our newer members.
- o Each meeting includes time to socialize and have dinner.
- If you are looking for work, our members refer work to other members.
- If you need help with work, our members will work a case for you or with you. Most of us are "1 man/woman offices." Being a member, allows you to instantly utilize the services of other investigators.

PO Box 1645 Portland, ME 04104-1645 You will look like a rock star to clients when you can take on cases all over the State of Maine.

<u>Education:</u> MLPIA sponsors at least one annual conference to provide our members the ability to learn new skills at a reasonable cost.

<u>Newsletter:</u> MLPIA produces a quarterly newsletter full of the latest news and tips.

<u>List-serve</u>: Members have access to a list serve where members can keep up to date on industry news. Members can post inquiries to the membership. Want to know what company has the best price on insurance or bonds? Send out an email to the membership and you'll have your answer.

<u>Member Discounts:</u> MLPIA has teamed up with businesses to provide discounts for our members.

To join, simply fill out an application. Your \$100 investment in dues will easily pay for itself.