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A. H. Ellis Armistead, CLIPresident

*B. Karen Myers
Managing Investigator*

C. Jennifer Brown, CLISenior Investigator

When The Stakes Are High, There Is No Substitute For Experience On Your Side

You may not know Ellis Armistead by name, but you know his work as one of the nation's premiere investigators.

Ellis was retained within hours of the Columbine High School shootings. Three years before, he worked with the attorneys representing John and Patsy Ramsey after the death of their daughter, JonBenet. Other clients have included Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh. Ellis has been recognized nationally as an expert witness in crime scene investigation and police procedure. He is President of Heartland Investigative Group, managing our elite team of professional investigators with a level of knowledge and experience unsurpassed in our industry.

Ellis holds a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Colorado. He was a police officer for 18 years, before beginning his own private investigative firm in 1991. He has also served as the chief investigator of the 14th Judicial District Attorney's Office and as a deputy coroner for Routt County, CO. He is a Certified Legal Investigator (CLI) through the National Association of Legal Investigators and has served as the organization's National Director.

Ellis and his team of investigators have worked on over 25 death penalty cases, including four active cases. Heartland's criminal defense group also works complex white collar cases, including healthcare and mortgage fraud. Read more about our investigators.

Our Team

Karen Myers, Managing Investigator of Heartland's Denver office has over a decade of experience investigating major felony cases for defense attorneys. She is well known, throughout Colorado and the country, for her work on several death penalty cases. She specializes in murder, sexual assault, and domestic matters. [View Full Bio.](#)

Jennifer Brown has a law degree and over 11 years of experience in the corporate, legal and public sector. She started as a Washington, D.C. staffer for a U.S. Senator and has gone on to work for software companies, database firms and some of the premier legal and investigative firms in the Rocky Mountain region. As one of Heartland's senior investigators, she's a specialist in pre-trial and litigation support for attorneys, including in-depth background checks, locating and interviewing witnesses and research. She's also the author of numerous articles in respected publications detailing investigative issues of importance to other investigators and the business community.

Jennifer holds a law degree from the University of South Dakota School of Law. She's a Certified Legal Investigator (CLI) through the National Association of Legal Investigators, as well as a member of numerous professional organizations, including the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar. [View Full Bio.](#)

Julia Holguin holds a B.A. in criminal justice and is Heartland's Spanish interpreter. She has been trained in cognitive interviewing and assists our clients with their Hispanic clients. [View Full Bio.](#)

Carolyn Billecci-Kelsey is a trained paralegal who joined Heartland from US Bank, where she was a fraud investigator. Highly trained in the latest analytical software, Carolyn assists clients in dealing with voluminous discovery, typical in most white collar criminal cases. [View Full Bio.](#)

Indigent Defense Cases

Heartland has made a commitment to assist attorneys whose practices include indigent defense cases. Ellis' team is currently assisting law firms on the appeals of three death penalty cases in the state of Alabama. Heartland also accepts Federal CJA appointments.

Articles of Interest

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Alleged Child Sex Assaults, by Jennifer Brown, *The Legal Investigator*, Winter 2006

Investigation of Crimes in the Bureau of Prisons, by Ellis Armistead, *The Legal Investigator*, August 2003