# STEVEN M. SIMON

# **INVESTIGATIONS**

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#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2000 – Present	Acumen Probe LLC- Chicago, Illinois Illinois Licensed Private Investigation Agency #117-001088
	Owner / operator and Licensee in Charge of small and well respected investigative andy consulting firm in Chicago, Illinois.
	<ul> <li>Extensive hands on experience in the management and execution of various forms of investigative services for businesses / corporations, municipalities, non-profits, integrity monitoring operations and law firms.</li> </ul>
	• Exceptional information acquisition and analysis capabilities for a wide array of applications.
	<ul> <li>Personal engagement and management of both covert and overt field operations including but not limited to surveillance, executive protection, undercover work, interviewing and physical location surveys.</li> </ul>
	• Strategic project planning, implementation and coordination of active and retired law enforcement and other in-house support personnel supplemented by a worldwide network of associates.
	• Current and former clients of note include the City of Chicago, Chicago Crime Commission, Chicago Board of Education, Better Government Association, Thacher Associates (New York), Cicero Board of Police and Fire Commissioners, American Airlines, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Project RISE Anti-Corruption program, a professional sports team, and several leading law firms in the Chicago Metropolitan Area.
	• Served as instructor on labor racketeering and Chicago area organized crime at the Western Regional Organized Crime Conference in 2003 and 2004.
	• Acknowledged in organized crime related publications including <i>When Corruption Was King</i> by Robert Cooley and Hillel Levin and <i>A History of Violence, an Encyclopedia of 1400 Chicago Mob Murders</i> by Dr. Wayne A. Johnson.
1997 - 2000	IFPC Wordwide Inc. – Chicago, Illinois Director of Investigations
	Upwardly mobile operator in private sector investigation upon breaking into the industry.
	• Hired in October 1997 as an undercover operator in a corporate owned Chicago business.
	<ul> <li>Advanced to manager of investigators placed in similar covert operational positions.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Promoted to a research analyst position conducting pre-employment and licensing screens on applicants to major trading firms, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade.</li> </ul>
	• Instituted major operational changes in the background screening process that significantly streamlined operations and reduced required man hours.
	• Topped out in firm as Director of Investigations running all phases of the department including internal research inquiries and field operations.

### **EDUCATION**

1991 - 1995	Illinois State University – Normal, Illinois Undergraduate Education
	Double major in Criminal Justice and Psychology with study focus in psychopathology and it's relation to violent crime. Graduated with 3.20 GPA on four point scale after completion of internship with the Cook County, Illinois Public Defender's Office – Homicide Division.
1995 - 1997	Roosevelt University – Chicago, Illinois Graduate School
	Completed all coursework in Psychology Master's Degree Program with 4.00 GPA on four point scale.

### LICENSING - ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Individual Private Detective	Private Detective Agency
#115-001566	#117-001088
October 13, 2000	April 3, 2001

**Firearm Control Card #229-054318** April 19, 2001

### ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Vast knowledge and experience in electronic technologies including digital video, audio, photography, wide ranging software and hardware configurations with applied skills in relational database theory, development and implementation.