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## Introduction

After almost 45 years in the law, I have seen the legal system at its best and worst; but just as importantly, I have witnessed the system as an American citizen. Legal rights in America have been under fire for quite some time, and each instance presents its share of opportunities to stand up and fight.

In 1982, I was one of the first attorneys to sue the Catholic Church in a case of sexual abuse by clergy. After winning the case for my client, I spent subsequent decades ruminating about the corruption and conspiratorial opposition we faced. I felt it merited national attention and promised myself I would, someday, write a book about it. In 2016, my first novel, *Betrayal of Faith*, was born.

That could have been it - I had said my peace - fulfilled my bucket list item, but 2016 seemed to highlight this country's injustices. Government and corporate betrayals of people's rights got demonstrably worse. People's rights are drastically eroded by government, political, and corporate greed and influence, while most citizens remain unaware of the harm being done. I decided to use novel-writing to increase public awareness: Our precious civil and criminal rights are being erased!

My "ripped from the headlines" novels tackle real legal and social justice issues, faced by millions of Americans every day. I take readers deep into courtroom battles, fought to protect our most precious rights. While I hope that every reader finds my novels entertaining, I also hope they gain new perspective. Our nation and world will not wait for us to fully appreciate the erosion of justice in our civil and criminal systems.

What should this country stand for? Citizens are quite divided; I feel obligated to share what I know—nudge my readers in a pro-justice, pro-citizen direction.

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Through my books, blogs, media content, and appearances on others' platforms, I will continue to call out abuses of power and empower We the People to fight for our constitutional rights.