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INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Starting with your legal career, since it drives your work as an author, how did you make the decision to become a lawyer?
2. Your first novel, *Betrayal of Faith*, was inspired by your experiences as one of the first attorneys to sue the Roman Catholic Church for sexual abuse by clergy. What happened in that Michigan case, and why do you consider it your most important case?
3. In almost four decades since those initial lawsuits, sexual abuse by clergy and the church's attempts to cover it up have become a global scandal. What should the church have done to bring offenders to justice and protect kids?
4. What motivated you to continue on for 6 more novels and a novella?
5. Your second novel, *Betrayal of Justice*, features a bigoted president, Islamophobia, white supremacists, and a deeply divided nation. Is this a commentary on recent years, a warning about where our nation may be headed, or both?
6. Your third novel, *Betrayal in Blue*, warns about the rise and organizational skills of the White Supremacy movement in this country, culminating with the January 6th insurrection. Do you seriously believe that White Supremacy is a clear and present danger to our way of life or are these just a bunch of right-wing zealots?
7. Your fourth novel, *Betrayal in Black*, deals with police shootings of African Americans. What's the story about, and what unique legal issues does it raise?

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8. Betrayal High takes a deep dive into to complicated issues surrounding school shootings. Can we have gun control and Second Amendment rights?

9. We've seen powerful institutions, the entertainment industry and others, covering up sexual harassment or abuse. Your most recent book Supreme Betrayal tackles this issue. Do you think the Me Too movement will make a difference, or will the cover-ups continue?

10. Your latest book, Betrayal at the Border, tackles another hot-button issue, immigration. Do you believe America is compassionate enough on immigration?

11. All of your books draw inspiration from current events - one example is the 2016 presidential election. Why have post-2016 issues been so inspirational to your writing?

11. Has your life changed or do you view the world differently since becoming an author?

12. Your novels draw readers in to a world both familiar to our own yet unique in its characterizations. Any tips or tricks you are willing to share about how you go about doing this?

13. You often emphasize the critical importance of justice. Can you explain what you mean by "justice?" How might improved "justice" change our society, and can you give an example from your books illustrating justice or injustice in action?

14. Who should read the series and why?

15. Where can audiences purchase novels in the Zachary Blake Legal Thriller Series?