

# Legal Thrillers

## Conflict of Interest – Adam Mitzner

Alex meets a mysterious figure who requests that Alex represent him in a high-profile criminal investigation; but secrets are revealed that threaten everything Alex believes in.

## Defending Jacob – William Landay (LP)(A)(e)

Andy Barber, assistant district attorney in suburban Massachusetts, is blindsided when his fourteen-year-old son is charged with the murder of a fellow student.

## The Color of Law – Mark Gimenez

Lawyer Scott Fenney is not thrilled when he is appointed to defend Shawanda Jones, a prostitute accused of killing the son of Texas senator and presidential candidate, Mack McCall.

## A Certain Justice – John Lescroart

A novel that examines the nature of justice--and injustice--follows an ordinary man who, through no fault of his own, is hounded, hunted, and almost destroyed for a crime he did not commit.

## Fifteen Digits – Nick Santora

A fifteen-digit bank account number holds the key to a plot involving five behind-the-scenes employees at a law firm who use discarded documents full of sensitive legal information to get rich.

## The Guardians – John Grisham (LP)(A)(e)

Guardian handles only a few innocence cases at a time, and Cullen Post is its only investigator. He travels the South fighting wrongful convictions and taking cases no one else will touch. With Quincy Miller, though, he gets far more than he bargained for. Powerful, ruthless people murdered Keith Russo, and they do not want Quincy exonerated. They killed one lawyer twenty-two years ago, and they will kill another one without a second thought.

## Smash Cut – Sandra Brown (LP)

Hired by a woman who believes that the accidental shooting of a friend was actually orchestrated by the victim's depraved nephew, defense lawyer Derek Mitchell comes to realize that the nephew is a psychotic movie buff who enjoys acting out violent film plots.

## Damage – John T. Lescroart (LP)(A)

His career derailed by the vengeful billionaire Curtlee family for his part in convicting one of their number for murder, former homicide detective Abe Glitsky learns that the killer has won a retrial at the same time a star witness has been murdered.

## The 7<sup>th</sup> Canon – Robert Dugoni

When a dedicated priest at a boys' shelter in San Francisco's seamy Tenderloin district is accused of murdering a teenage street hustler, attorney Peter Donley must prove his innocence.

## The Advocate's Daughter – Anthony J. Franze

Among Washington, D.C. power players, everyone has secrets they desperately want to keep hidden, including Sean Serrat, a Supreme Court lawyer; and just as he learns he's on the short list to be nominated to the U.S. Supreme Court, his daughter, Abby, a talented and dedicated law student, goes missing.

## Dead Certain – Adam Mitzner

By day, Ella works as a buttoned-up attorney on some of the city's most grueling cases. By night, she pursues her passion for singing in the darkest clubs of Manhattan; then she gets a call that her sister's gone missing.



You won't be out of order when you pick up one of these stand-alone exciting legal thrillers. Combining the best in police procedural with compelling courtroom drama, these novels are all about justice. Can you handle the truth?



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### The Last Goodbye – Reed Arvin

Relegated to a job in a seedy downtown office after an unfortunate affair, Jack Hammond works as a court-appointed attorney until a close friend is found murdered, a case that draws him into the world of a beautiful opera singer.

### Missing Witness – Gordon Campbell

Hired by a murder victim's wealthy father to defend the case's chief suspect, Phoenix criminal attorney Dan Morgan endeavors to prove his client's innocence but triggers an unexpected chain of consequences.

### The Child Who – Simon Lelic

As Leo Curtice sets out to defend the indefensible – a child who's accused of killing another child – he soon finds himself pitted against an enraged community calling for blood.

### The Sacrifice – Robert Whitlow

When attorney Scott Ellis returns home to Catawba, North Carolina, he faces surprise, challenge, and unexpected sacrifice when he agrees to both advise a mock trial team at the local high school and defend a racist teenager charged in a shooting.

### After Anna – Lisa Scottoline (LP)(A)(e)

Marrying a wonderful woman after years of loneliness and single fatherhood, John finds his newfound happiness turned upside-down by the arrival of his beautiful sociopath teen daughter, whose campaign to destroy their family and untimely murder force John to prove his innocence in the face of malevolent discoveries.

### Eclipse – Richard North Patterson (LP)

The spellbinding story of an American lawyer who takes on a nearly impossible case--the defense of an African freedom fighter against his corrupt government's charge of murdering three PetroGlobal workers.

### Daddy's Girl – Lisa Scottoline (LP)(A)(ea)

When a riot breaks out in the prison she is visiting, law professor Natalie Greco witnesses the death of a prison guard whose last words reveal a dangerous conspiracy, putting Nat into a situation in which she is targeted by murderers and the police.

### Trial by Fire – Nancy Taylor Rosenberg

Dallas prosecutor Stella Cataloni persuades the Houston D.A. to reopen an old investigation into her parents' deaths in an arson fire, only to find herself the prime suspect and the target of the ruthless Houston prosecutor, an old friend.

### Cajun Justice – James Patterson (LP)(A)

This new standalone thriller from the world's #1 bestselling author follows ex-Secret Service agent, Cain Lemaire, as he uncovers the dark secrets hidden beneath the Tokyo streets.

### Heart of a Killer – David Rosenfelt

A lawyer who's never tried a criminal case suddenly finds himself with the world's unlikeliest pro bono client: a woman convicted of murder who demands the right to end her life so that she can donate her heart to her dying daughter.

### The Legal Limit – Martin Clark (ea)

Growing up with an abusive father and his brother Gates, now an imprisoned felon, Mason Hunt has made a success of his life as the attorney for the Commonwealth of Virginia, until his brother attempts to have Mason use his legal influence to get him out of jail.

### Southern Lights – Danielle Steel (e)

Eleven years after a bitter divorce, Manhattan assistant D.A. Alexa prepares to prosecute a suspected serial killer who is sending threatening letters to Alexa's teen daughter, a situation that forces Alexa to send her daughter to her ex's Charleston home.

### Down to the Wire – David Rosenfelt

After a mysterious source tips him off to two headline-grabbing stories, local reporter Chris Turley is happy to be doing quality journalistic work, until he finds out the lengths to which the source went to help him.

### The Undertaker's Widow – Phillip Margolin

Judge Richard Quinn struggles to follow justice in the trial of a congresswoman accused of murdering her mortician husband but instead finds himself in a maze of murder and deceit.

### The Confession – John Grisham (LP)(A)(e)

When Travis Boyette is paroled because of a brain tumor, for the first time in his life, he decides to do the right thing and tell police about a crime he committed for which another man is about to be executed.

### Fatal Convictions – Randy Singer

When a Muslim imam is accused of instigating honor killings, Alex Madison must decide whether to take the case that every other lawyer in town is running away from.

### The Missing Piece – Kevin Egan

A violent legal battle for possession of a multi-million-dollar cache of ancient Roman silver is disrupted by a shocking act and the disappearance of a crucial piece of evidence.

### Cane and Abe – James Grippando (A)

Wrongfully implicated in the disappearance of his second wife, Miami prosecutor Abe Beckham is forced to consider his missing wife's accusations about his enduring love for his dead first wife.

### In Her Defense – Stephen Horn

A lawyer defends a woman who shot a former Agriculture Secretary, a man who hounded her father to suicide.