

Sometimes the One Pleading Insanity is the Sanest Person in the Courtroom

New novel explores reality of the insanity plea

MORRISON, Colo. – People have enjoyed mystery novels and thrillers for years. From Alfred Hitchcock to John Grisham, the formula is tried and true. **“Proof Evident”** (Synergy Books, February 2006), a new novel by lawyer and former forensic psychologist Dr. John Dicke, takes the “who done it” formula to a whole new level. He merges the excitement of a murder mystery with the intensity of a courtroom drama. What results is an explosive enigma full of intrigue and surprise.

“Proof Evident” is a realistic courtroom suspense where a former judge is on trial and facing the death penalty. Charged with the murder of a popular sheriff, he is sure to be convicted; everyone knows he is guilty—everyone but him. As his lawyer probes deeper into the case and Jackson’s unconscious, he uncovers a confluence of corruption that may lead them to the truth—or to their own demise. CIA mind control, political intrigue and international racketeering loom large as lawyers fresh out of the public defender’s office try to save the judge’s life with the insanity plea. It is a vivid look into the unconscious mind of a programmed killer. The book is based on Dicke’s combined experience as a forensic psychologist and trial lawyer handling several death penalty cases.

Dicke graduated with honors from the University of Michigan with a bachelor’s degree, and later earned his juris doctorate from Ohio State University. He currently works as a lawyer at a private practice, focusing on criminal, post-conviction and administrative cases. Dicke has appeared as an expert witness in more than 60 trials, and on national television providing on-camera analysis for the Columbine High School tragedy and the John Hinckley petitions for release from the mental hospital. He was also a consultant for “Geraldo Rivera Live,” and has appeared on “The O’Reilly Factor,” “Dateline NBC,” “The Fox Report with Shepard Smith,” MSNBC and CBS.

Dicke lives in the foothills of Colorado with his wife, Cari. For more information about Dicke, please visit www.johndicke.com.

To schedule an interview with Dr. John Dicke, or to request a review copy of “Proof Evident,” please contact Sarah Kocks at (512) 478-2028 ext. 222 or skocks@bookpros.com.

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