Ashford, Jeffrey
**Criminal Innocence.**
A reputable barrister, is in the wrong place at the wrong time. Returning to his car after a late-night party, he is knocked to the ground and assaulted. He manages to catch a glimpse of his assailant's face - enough for him to be able to identify Daniel Fitch in a police line-up. But unluckily for Drury, Fitch was fleeing from a robbery gone wrong, one in which he murdered a jeweler. And Fitch isn't going down without a fight . . . 2010  Call #: Mystery Ash

Bornikova, Phillipa
**This Case is Gonna Kill Me**
Law, finance, the military, and politics are under the sway of long-lived vampires, werewolves, and the eleven Alfar. Humans make the best of rule by "the Spooks," and contend among themselves to affiliate with the powers-that-be, in order to avoid becoming their prey. Very loyal humans are rewarded with power over other women and men. Very lucky humans are selected to join the vampires, werewolves, and elves-or, on occasion, to live at the Seelie Court. Linnet Ellery is the offspring of an affluent Connecticut family dating back to Colonial times. Fresh out of law school, she's beginning her career in a powerful New York "white fang" law firm. She has high hopes of eventually making partner. But strange things keep happening to her. In a workplace where some humans will eventually achieve immense power and centuries of extra lifespan, office politics can be vicious beyond belief. After some initial missteps, she finds herself sidelined and assigned to unpromising cases. Then, for no reason she can see, she becomes the target of repeated, apparently random violent attacks, escaping injury each time through increasingly improbable circumstances. However, there's apparently more to Linnet Ellery than a little old-money human privilege. More than even she knows. And as she comes to understand this, she's going to shake up the system like you wouldn't believe.... . 2012  Call #: Fiction Bor

Clark, Marcia
**Killer Ambition**
When the daughter of a billionaire Hollywood director is found murdered after what appears to be a kidnapping gone wrong, Los Angeles Special Trials prosecutor Rachel Knight and Detective Bailey Keller find themselves at the epicenter of a combustible and high-profile court case. Then a prime suspect is revealed to be one of Hollywood's most popular and powerful talent managers--and best friend to the victim's father. With the director vouching for the manager's innocence, the Hollywood media machine commences an all-out war designed to discredit both Rachel and her case. 2013  Call #: Fiction Cla

Also try: Guilt by Degrees
Connelly, Michael
The Brass Verdict
Things are finally looking up for defense attorney Mickey Haller. After two years of wrong turns, Haller is back in the courtroom. When Hollywood lawyer Jerry Vincent is murdered, Haller inherits his biggest case yet: the defense of Walter Elliott, a prominent studio executive accused of murdering his wife and her lover. But as Haller prepares for the case that could launch him into the big time, he learns that Vincent's killer may be coming for him next. Enter Harry Bosch. Determined to find Vincent's killer, he is not opposed to using Haller as bait. But as danger mounts and the stakes rise, these two loners realize their only choice is to work together. 2008
Call #: Mystery Con

Also try: The Gods of Guilt; The Lincoln Lawyer; Night Dragons; Reversal.

Corleone, Douglas
Night on Fire
Kevin Corvelli—a hotshot New York defense attorney who packed up his bags and hung his shingle in Hawaii to dodge the spotlight—is deep in his mai tais at a resort when an argument erupts down at the other end of the bar. It's a pair of newlyweds, married that very day on the beach. And since Corvelli doesn't do divorces, he all but dismisses the argument. That's at least until the fire breaks out later that night, and he barely escapes his hotel room. Most weren't so lucky, including the new husband. His wife, Erin, becomes not only the police's prime suspect for arson and murder but also Corvelli's newest client, and she has a lot working against her, like motive and opportunity, not to mention a history of starting fires. 2011
Call #: Fiction Cor

Also try: One Man's Paradise

Corwell, Patricia
Dust
After working one of the worst mass killings in U.S. history, Scarpetta returns home to Cambridge, Massachusetts. Exhausted and ill, she's recovering at home when she receives an unsettling call. The body of a young woman has been discovered on the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's rugby field. The victim, a graduate student named Gail Shipton, is oddly draped in unusual cloth and posed in a way that is too deliberate to be the killer's first strike. A preliminary examination in the sea of red mud where the body has been left also reveals a bizarre residue that fluoresces blood red, emerald green and sapphire blue. Physical evidence links the case to a series of uniquely weird homicides in Washington, D.C., where Scarpetta's FBI husband has been deployed to help capture a serial killer dubbed the Capital Murderer. The cases all connect and yet seem to conflict. Gail Shipton was murdered for financial gain—or was she? It will require the usual ensemble of characters to find out the truth, including Scarpetta's sidekick Pete Marino, who has undergone a drastic change in his life that places him center stage in a Cambridge investigation that puts everyone at risk. 2013
Call #: Mystery Cor

Also try: Red Mist
Dugoni, Robert

**Bodily Harm**

Bodily Harm opens with a big win for David Sloane and his new partner, Tom Pendergrass, in a malpractice case centered on the death of a young child. But on the heels of this seeming victory, an unlikely character—toy designer Kyle Horgan—comes forward to tell Sloane that he’s gotten it all wrong: Horgan’s the one who’s truly responsible for the little boy’s death and possibly others—not the pediatrician Sloane has just proven guilty. Ordinarily, Sloane might have dismissed such a person as a crackpot, but something about this case has always troubled him—something that he couldn't quite pinpoint. When Sloane tries to follow up with Horgan, he finds the man’s apartment a shambles—ransacked by unknown perpetrators. Horgan has vanished without a trace. Together with his longtime investigative partner Charles Jenkins, Sloane reexamines his clients’ son’s death and digs deeper into Horgan’s claims, forcing him to enter the billion-dollar, cutthroat toy industry. As Sloane gets closer to the truth, he trips a wire that leads to a shocking chain of events that nearly destroys him. To get to the bottom of it all and find justice for the families harmed, Sloane must keep in check his overwhelming desire for revenge. 2010

**Also try:** Wrongful Death

Estleman, Loren

**Amos Walker: the Complete Story Collection**

Detroit's most famous gumshoe, Amos Walker, is back in this mammoth collection of short stories. The omnibus contains 32 tales, including the previously unpublished "Sometimes a Hyena," and flawlessly showcases Estleman's distinct and penetrating style. With the release of Motor City Blue in 1980, Estleman was one of the first mystery writers to set a detective series in Detroit. For the past three decades, his gumshoe has tirelessly championed its denizens against the crime and corruption that can often define Motown. The collection begins with a wonderful introduction by Estleman tracing the history of the series and the endurance of his protagonist. The stories, much like the city in which they are set, are gritty and tough, and yet there is always a sliver of optimism to be found. Standouts include "Kill the Cat," "Anniversary Waltz," and "Cigarette Stop." 2010

**Fairstein, Linda**

**Death Angel**

When the body of a young woman is discovered in Central Park, the clock begins ticking for Assistant DA Alex Cooper and Detectives Mike Chapman and Mercer Wallace to find the killer who has breached this haven in the middle of New York City. Is the body found in the lake, under the unseeing gaze of the Bethesda angel, the first victim of a deranged psychopath, or is the case connected to other missing girls and women in years past whose remains have never been found? Just as the trio gets their first lead, the investigation is almost derailed when Mike and Alex become embroiled in a scandal. As Alex attempts to fight the accusations leveled against her and Mike, she follows clues that range from the park's most buried - literally - secrets all the way to the majestic Dakota, which has experienced its own share of tragedies. When another young woman is attacked in the park, a new question arises: is this enormous urban park a sanctuary-as it seems to the thousands of New Yorkers and tourists who fill it every day-or is it a hunting ground for a killer with a twisted mind? 2013

**Also try:** Hell Gate; Night Watch; Silent Mercy
Gerst, Angela

**A Crack in Everything; a Susan Callisto Mystery**

Susan Callisto is pushing thirty and taking stock. Before she traded financial security at a Boston law firm for sandals and jeans in Waltham, she specialized in real estate law. Now she has reinvented herself as a political consultant for ordinary people seeking low-level office. Her income may be dicey, but Susan loves her new life—until her sometime boyfriend, Detective Lieutenant Michael Benedict, dumps her without a goodbye. Not one to mope, Susan uses humor and perpetual motion to push away the pain. Susan's new world is one where politics can turn deadly and even love may not survive. So when local high roller Charles Renfrow offers her a huge retainer to advise his political campaign, Susan is wary. Why would a scientist stalking the human genome want to be mayor of a small Massachusetts town? Finding the answer takes Susan through a maze of toxic secrets including those floating around Renfrow's biotech company. On her way to confront him, Susan instead finds the body of his beautiful assistant. Assigned to the case, Michael reenters Susan's life. When Michael's suspicions settle on Roddie Baird, yet another, and favorite, of Susan's clients, Susan elbows her way into the investigation. She hopes to prove Michael wrong. As she probes—and lays her own life on the line—Susan uncovers a crack in everything.... 2011

Call #: Mystery Ger

Gran, Sara

**Claire DeWitt and the City of the Dead**

Claire DeWitt is not your average private investigator. She has brilliant deductive skills and is an ace at discovering evidence. But Claire also uses her dreams, omens, and mind-expanding herbs to help her solve mysteries, and relies on Détection — the only book published by the late, great, and mysterious French detective Jacques Silette. The tattooed, pot-smoking Claire has just arrived in post-Katrina New Orleans, the city she's avoided since her mentor, Silette's student Constance Darling, was murdered there. Claire is investigating the disappearance of Vic Willing, a prosecutor known for winning convictions in a homicide-plagued city. Has an angry criminal enacted revenge on Vic? Or did he use the storm as a means to disappear? Claire follows the clues, finding old friends and making new enemies -- foremost among them Andray Fairview, a young gang member who just might hold the key to the mystery. 2011

Call #: Mystery Gra

Griffin, H. Terrell

**Collateral Damage: a Matt Royal Mystery**

Griffin's sixth mystery featuring Florida lawyer Matt Royal draws the reader in instantly by making clear that newlywed Jim Desmond, who is staying with his bride at the Hilton in Longboat Key, is not long for this world. Sure enough, a sniper shoots Desmond while the honeymooner is jogging on the beach, the first in a series of mysterious killings. Desmond's father, Charles, an old Vietnam War buddy of Royal's, asks Royal to investigate his son's murder. The older Desmond aims to turn up some leads by filing a civil suit, though without a defendant, the strategy appears doomed from the outset. Royal tries to use his close, and increasingly closer, relationship with Longboat Key's lone (female) police detective, J D Duncan, to advance the probe. 2012

Call #: Mystery Gri
Grippando, James

**Blood Money**

Miami criminal defense attorney Jack Swyteck is back in his most frightening case yet, and this time the price of victory is measured in blood. It is the most sensational murder trial since O. J. Simpson's. The nation is obsessed with Sydney Bennett, a sexy nightclub waitress and good-time girl accused of murdering her two-year-old daughter for cramping her party life. When he had agreed to defend Sydney, Jack Swyteck knew he'd be taking on the toughest and most controversial case of his career. Millions of "TV jurors" have convicted Sydney in the court of public opinion. When the shocking verdict of not guilty is announced, citizens across the country are outraged, and Jack is bombarded by the fallout: angry, profanity-laced phone calls and even outright threats. Media-fed rumors of "blood money"—purported seven-figure book and movie deals—ratchet up the hysteria, putting Jack's client and everyone around her at risk. On the night of Sydney's release, an angry mob outside the jail has gathered to serve its own justice. In the frenzy, an innocent young woman bearing a striking resemblance to the reviled Sydney Bennett ends up in a coma. While the media blame Jack and his defense team, the victim's parents reach out to him, requesting his help. They don't believe the attack was the tragic result of random mob violence. Searching for the truth about what happened that night, Jack makes a frightening discovery. Larger and much more powerful forces are working in the shadows, and what happened outside the jail is a symptom of an evil that infected the show-stopping trial and media-spun phenomenon of Sydney Bennett. 2013

Call #: Fiction Gri

Grisham, John

**The Confession**

An innocent man is about to be executed. Only a guilty man can save him. For every innocent man sent to prison, there is a guilty one left on the outside. He doesn't understand how the police and prosecutors got the wrong man, and he certainly doesn't care. He just can't believe his good luck. Time passes and he realizes that the mistake will not be corrected: the authorities believe in their case and are determined to get a conviction. He may even watch the trial of the person wrongly accused of his crime. He is relieved when the verdict is guilty. He laughs when the police and prosecutors congratulate themselves. He is content to allow an innocent person to go to prison, to serve hard time, even to be executed. Travis Boyette is such a man. In 1998, in the small East Texas city of Sloan, he abducted, raped, and strangled a popular high school cheerleader. He buried her body so that it would never be found, then watched in amazement as police and prosecutors arrested and convicted Donté Drumm, a local football star, and marched him off to death row. Now nine years have passed. Travis has just been paroled in Kansas for a different crime; Donté is four days away from his execution. Travis suffers from an inoperable brain tumor. For the first time in his miserable life, he decides to do what's right and confess. But how can a guilty man convince lawyers, judges, and politicians that they're about to execute an innocent man? 2010

Call #: Fiction Gri

Also try: The Firm; The Racketeer; Sycamore Row; Theodore Boone: the Accused; Time to Kill.
Hansen, Jim
*Voodoo Laws*
As Denver homicide detective Bryson Coventry's frantic search for a missing woman pulls him deeper and deeper into an edgy world of voodoo and death curses, beautiful young attorney Mackenzie Lee lands a terrifying case—a case that propels bother her and her client into the deadly throes of a force more sinister than either of them could have imagined. 2009

Huston, James
*Marine One*
The president rushes across the South Lawn through a pounding thunderstorm to Marine One to fly to Camp David late at night. His advisers plead with him not to fly, but he insists. He has arranged a meeting that only three people in his administration know about. After fighting its way through the brutal thunderstorm on the way to Camp David, Marine One crashes into a ravine in Maryland, killing all aboard. The government blames the European manufacturer of the helicopter and accuses them of killing the president. Senate Investigations and Justice Department accusations multiply as Mike Nolan, a Marine Corps reserve helicopter pilot and trial attorney in civilian life, is hired to defend the company from the criminal investigations, then from a wrongful death lawsuit brought by the most notorious lawyer in America on behalf of the First Lady. Nolan knows that to prevail in the firestorm against his client, he has to find out what really caused Marine One to crash, and why the president threw caution aside to go to a meeting no one seems to know about. To clear his client, Nolan must win the highest-profile trial of the last hundred years with very little working for him, and everything working against him. Marine One expertly mixes political intrigue with courtroom drama and fast-paced action in the most exciting thriller of the year. 2009

Hruska, Alan
*Wrong Man Running*
Brilliant prosecutor Rick Corinth is the heir apparent to the District Attorney's job in Manhattan. But when he is asked to handle a case involving a series of sadistic rapes, his life is changed forever. Rick soon discovers that all the victims are known to him. At first he shrugs this off as coincidence, but then the police start to treat him like a suspect. With the evidence mounting against him, Rick knows that he must find the real perpetrator before his whole world turns into a living nightmare . . . 2011

Jenoff, Pam
*The Things We Cherished*
The story of Charlotte Gold and Jack Harrington, two fiercely independent attorneys who find themselves slowly falling for one another while working to defend the brother of a Holocaust hero against allegations of World War II-era war crimes. The defendant, wealthy financier Roger Dykmans, mysteriously refuses to help in his own defense, revealing only that proof of his innocence lies within an intricate timepiece last seen in Nazi Germany. As the narrative moves from Philadelphia to Germany, Poland, and Italy, we are given glimpses of the lives that the anniversary clock has touched over the past century, and learn about the love affair that turned a brother into a traitor. 2011
Landay, William  
**Defending Jacob**  
Andy Barber has been an assistant district attorney in his suburban Massachusetts county for more than twenty years. He is respected in his community, tenacious in the courtroom, and happy at home with his wife, Laurie, and son, Jacob. But when a shocking crime shatters their New England town, Andy is blindsided by what happens next: His fourteen-year-old son is charged with the murder of a fellow student. Every parental instinct Andy has rallies to protect his boy. Jacob insists that he is innocent, and Andy believes him. Andy must. He's his father. But as damning facts and shocking revelations surface, as a marriage threatens to crumble and the trial intensifies, as the crisis reveals how little a father knows about his son, Andy will face a trial of his own—between loyalty and justice, between truth and allegation, between a past he's tried to bury and a future he cannot conceive. 2009  
Call #: Mystery Lan

Lee, Harper  
**To Kill a Mockingbird**  
Through the young eyes of Scout and Jem Finch, Harper Lee explores with rich humor and unswerving honesty the irrationality of adult attitudes toward race and class in the Deep South of the 1930s. The conscience of a town steeped in prejudice, violence, and hypocrisy is pricked by the stamina and quiet heroism of one man’s struggle for justice—but the weight of history will only tolerate so much. One of the best-loved classics of all time, To Kill a Mockingbird has earned many distinctions since its original publication in 1960. It has won the Pulitzer Prize, been translated into more than forty languages, sold more than thirty million copies worldwide, and been made into an enormously popular movie. Most recent, librarians across the country gave the book the highest of honors by voting it the best novel of the century. 1960  
Call #: Fiction Lee

Leotta, Allison  
**Law of Attraction**  
As a newly minted Assistant U.S. Attorney in Washington, D.C., Anna Curtis has already developed thick skin to deal with the brutality she encounters with her daily stack of domestic violence cases. Yet when Laprea Johnson walks into Anna's life - battered by her boyfriend on the morning after Valentine’s Day - there's something about this particular case that Anna can't quite shake, something that reminds the prosecutor of her own troubled past. At the trial, Laprea makes a last-minute reversal, lying on the witness stand to free her boy-friend. Shortly after he is freed, Anna is horrified to hear that Laprea's body has been found in a trash heap. Hastily assigned to prosecute the murder case alongside intimidating chief homicide prosecutor Jack Bailey, Anna's heart sinks when she learns that her own boyfriend, public defender Nick Wagner, is representing the accused. Torn between bringing the killer to justice and saving her personal life, Anna makes a series of choices that jeopardizes her career, her relationships, and her very life as she uncovers the shocking truth behind the murder. 2010  
Call #: Fiction Leo
Lescroart, John T.
The Keeper
In the latest Dismas Hardy legal thriller, a missing-persons case gets very complicated, very fast. Hal Chase is a guard at the San Francisco County Jail; one night, while he's out at the airport picking up a relative, his wife, Katie, disappears from their home. Hal is soon picked up by police as the prime suspect. Because Katie was a client of Hardy's marriage-counselor wife, Hal wants Dismas to take his case. Hardy asks his old pal, former homicide cop Abe Glitsky, to pitch in with the investigative legwork. Glitsky soon uncovers some serious holes in Hal Chase's story. His alibi, for instance, is very shaky and when Katie's body is found, and her husband is arrested for the murder, Dismas wonders if he could possibly be defending a guilty man, while Glitsky wonders if he'll come out of this case alive. 2014 Call #: Mystery Les

Also try: The Ophelia Cut; A Plague of Secrets

Levine, Paul
Illegal
L.A. defense attorney Jimmy Payne, overwhelmed by guilt and grief at his son's death, also loses his wife, Sharon, to divorce, and morphs into Royal Payne to both cops and judges. It's just a matter of time before he's in deep trouble with both. Along with the trouble comes 12-year-old Agustino Perez, an illegal alien who is searching for his mother. Initially, Tino robs Payne, but Payne admires the boy's toughness and determination and promises to help him find his mother. The trail takes them dodging cops and assorted bad guys from L.A. to Mexico and then back into the U.S. to confront a willful agri-tycoon who uses illegal aliens the way most people use Kleenex. Illegal is a riveting read, filled with action, pathos, and even humor. The portrait of the dangers and predations that Latinos face crossing the border is chilling and rings with authenticity. But the book's best quality is the way Levine invests his characters with believable humanity. A compulsively readable yet character-driven thriller. 2009 Call #: Fiction Lev

Also try: Rule of Nine; Shadow of Power

Martini, Steve
The Arraignment
After a lawyer friend is killed along with his client in a hail of gunfire outside the federal courthouse in San Diego, Madriani takes on another client who he believes is involved at the edges of the double murder. He takes the case not to defend the man, but to find out who killed his friend and why. Madriani is tortured by questions of conflict, his duty to a client who may have killed his friend, and the need to know the truth, wondering whether he himself had been marked for death only to have a friend die in his place. Soon he is drawn into a vortex of crime that spans the Americas. As he searches for the killer, Madriani rides the crest of a dangerous wave of international drug deals and people who murder for money. Suddenly he realizes it is not heroin or cocaine that resulted in the murder of his friend, but a priceless piece of pre-Columbian art-something so dazzling in the information it holds as to be one of the treasures of the ages. In a quest that takes Madriani from California to Mexico and the Guatemalan border, he discovers that while the motive to kill may be driven by distant, exotic, and ancient artifacts, the killer, like a serpent, lies much closer at hand. 2002 Call #: Mystery Mar

Also try: Rule of Nine; Shadow of Power
McCrum, Sharyn
The Devil Amongst the Lawyers: a Ballad Novel
In the isolated mountains of southwestern Virginia, a young woman is jailed for the murder of her father. The fact that she is beautiful and college-educated, while he is poor and violent, piques the curiosity of the national press, still basking in the success of their sensational coverage of the Lindbergh trial. Pompous newsman Henry Jernigan and his sob-sister cohort, Rose Hanelon, descend upon the backwoods hamlet of Wise with preconceived notions about everything from the attire and demeanor of its occupants to the motive and guilt of the accused. While they paint a colorful, if woefully inaccurate, picture for their readers, cub reporter Carl Jenkins, a mountain boy himself, still naively clings to ideals of journalistic objectivity. Yet he hedges his bets when he has his cousin, Nora Bonesteel, a young woman gifted with the Sight, meet the accused. 2010 Call #: Mystery McC

O'Shaughnessy, Perri
Dreams of the Dead
Nina Reilly has a new client, ski resort owner Philip Strong. Years ago, Nina represented Strong's son, Jim, who was accused of murdering his own brother. She came to believe he was guilty, and after some tense goings-on, he vanished. Now, as Philip is making a deal to sell the resort, a series of murders has Nina wondering if Jim is making a reappearance. Philip's real-estate deal soon seems unimportant compared to the very real possibility that Nina herself might be targeted for murder. 2011 Call #: Mystery OSh

Also try: Show No Fear

Picoult, Jodi
House Rules
About a family torn apart by an accusation of murder. They tell me I'm lucky to have a son who's so verbal, who is blisteringly intelligent, who can take apart the busted microwave and have it working again an hour later. They think there is no greater hell than having a son who is locked in his own world, unaware that there's a wider one to explore. But try having a son who is locked in his own world, and still wants to make a connection. A son who tries to be like everyone else, but truly doesn't know how. Jacob Hunt is a teenage boy with Asperger's Syndrome. He's hopeless at reading social cues or expressing himself well to others, and like many kids with AS, Jacob has a special focus on one subject—in his case, forensic analysis. He's always showing up at crime scenes, thanks to the police scanner he keeps in his room, and telling the cops what they need to do...and he's usually right. But then one day his tutor is found dead, and the police come to question him. All of the hallmark behaviors of Asperger's—not looking someone in the eye, stimulatory tics and twitches—can look a lot like guilt to law enforcement personnel. Suddenly, Jacob finds himself accused of murder. Emotionally powerful from beginning to end, House Rules looks at what it means to be different in our society, how autism affects a family, and how our legal system works well for people who communicate a certain way—and fails those who don't. 2010 Call #: Fiction Pic

Also try: Nineteen Minutes; Perfect Match
Rosenfelt, David
**One Dog Night**
For six years Noah Galloway has lived with a horrible secret and the fear that his rebuilt life could be shattered at any moment. Now his dread has become a certainty, and he has been arrested for the arson murder of twenty-six people. What he needs now is defense lawyer Andy Carpenter, who most definitely is not in the market for a new client. So Noah plays his hole card: a shared love for Andy's golden retriever, Tara, and the knowledge of what her life was like before Andy rescued her. Because Andy wasn't her first owner--Noah rescued Tara first, and when he wasn't able to care for her any longer, he did everything in his power to make sure that she was placed in the right home: Andy's. With that knowledge, Andy has little choice but to take Noah on, and he soon learns that the long-ago event that may destroy Noah's life is only the beginning of an ongoing conspiracy that grows more deadly by the day. Andy will have to pull out all of his tricks to get to the bottom of this cold case turned white hot. 2011
Call #: Fiction Ros

Rotstein, Robert
**Corrupt Practices**
A Los Angeles church, considered by some to be a powerful cult, charges Rich Baxter with embezzling millions. Rich reaches out to former colleague and star trial attorney Parker Stern to come to his defense. Parker despises the cult, but he hasn't entered a courtroom since developing severe stage fright after his mentor, Harmon Cherry, committed suicide. Rich claims that Cherry did not kill himself--he was murdered by someone connected to the church. At first, Parker doesn't believe it . . . until disturbing events force him to question what's really happening. As the case takes an unexpected turn, Parker surprises himself and agrees to take on the church. But to represent his client and uncover the truth he must overcome his own long-buried secrets. 2013
Call #: Fiction Rot

Sansom, C.J.
**Revelation**
The year is 1543 and King Henry VIII is wooing Lady Catherine Parr, a woman sympathetic to reform, whom he wants for his sixth wife, much to the dismay of Archbishop Cranmer and the embattled Protestant faction at court. Meanwhile, Matthew Shardlake is working to defend a teenage boy, a religious fanatic who is being held in the infamous Bedlam hospital for the insane. When an old friend of Shardlake's is murdered, he vows to bring the killer to justice. His search leads him back to Bedlam but also to Catherine Parr, and the dark prophecies of the Book of Revelation. As Bishop Bonner prepares to purge London of Protestants, Shardlake, with his assistant Jack Barak, uncovers a series of horrific murders that shake them all to the core. 2009
Call #: Mystery San
Santora, Nick

**Fifteen Digits**

Is it really insider trading if you've been an outsider your entire life? Five men. Five walks of life. Every day they come together at the white shoe law firm Olmstead & Taft. But they're not lawyers. They're "Printers": blue-collar guys consigned to the dark basement of the firm charged with copying, collating and delivering the mountains of paperwork that document millions of dollars of sensitive legal secrets. Until the five are approached by an ambitious young attorney who teaches them what they have: insider information. Together they make a plan to take the classified documents that pass through their hands every day and use them to get rich. They create a joint account to deposit the spoils. An account with a safeguard--each one only knows one section of the access code. Which means that for all five conspirators, there's no way out. But as too much money piles up to go unnoticed, the Printers will discover there's one thing even worse than being an outsider: being in too deep. 2012

Call #: Fiction Ros

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Scottoline, Lisa

**Accused**

Mary Dinuzio has just been promoted to partner and is about to take on her most unusual case yet, brought to the firm by a thirteen-year-old genius with a penchant for beekeeping. The Gardner family is one of the most powerful in the country and Allegra's parents don't believe in reopening the case, so taking it on is risky. But the Rosato & Associates firm can never resist an underdog. Was justice really served all those years ago? 2013

Call #: Mystery Sco

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Singer, Randy

**Fatal Convictions**

Alexander Madison, a Virginia Beach attorney, isn't quite an ambulance chaser, but he's the type of lawyer who'll show up at a patient's hospital room, offering his services. He's also a part-time pastor, and his interest in his clients isn't purely financial: he seeks them out because he really cares about finding justice for those in desperate need of it. He has a promising personal-injury case (a woman was run off the road and smashed her car into a tree), but there is a troubling question: Is there any evidence that another car was even involved? Meanwhile, a high-profile murder case comes his way. Madison's first reaction is to avoid it, but on reflection, he takes the case, defending a Muslim imam accused of murdering a woman who had converted to Christianity. Singer, a trial attorney, is a capable writer, and Madison is an intriguing creation. 2010

Call #: Fiction Sin

Also try: The Last Plea Bargain
Tanenbaum, Robert  
**Betrayed**  
Awaiting trial in the Tombs, Manhattan's infamous criminal detention complex, is Sharif Jabbar, the demagogic founder of a Harlem mosque. Charges against his terrorist attack on the city were dismissed once, and now that the Islam convert is being held on new allegations, New York District Attorney Roger "Butch" Karp is determined to bring him down. He faces formidable competition. Attorney Megan O'Dowd, a radical activist enthralled with revolutionary rhetoric, is going to the mat with the uncompromising conviction that Jabbar is being railroaded by the NYPD. Outside the criminal courts, Karp's wife, Marlene Ciampi, is pursuing her own investigation. Allegations against indigent Manhattan street vendor Dirty Warren in the murder of society beauty Michelle Oakley don't sit right with Marlene. Unfortunately her sole ally is religious vigilante David Grale, the charismatic but deranged leader of the Mole People. What Grale knows about city corruption snakes as far and wide as the dank honeycomb of the sewers and tunnels his destitute army calls home. Then Marlene discovers an unexpected--and ugly--parallel between the Oakley murder and the disappearance of another debutante: a treacherous underworld of upscale call girls and the price paid for indulging the wealthiest of men. As she explores these sordid truths, Butch Karp navigates his own tortured waters. What he soon discovers is that everyone, from the conspiratorial Jabbar and O'Dowd to the city's most powerful, unimpeachable players--has a secret that could either set them free or cost them more than they ever feared.  

2010  
Call #: Mystery Tan  

Also try: Irresistible Impulse; Outrage  

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Taylor, Kate  
**A Man in Uniform**  
At the height of the Belle Epoque, Francois Dubon leads a well-ordered life in the bourgeois quarters of Paris' eighth arrondissement. When not busy with his prosperous legal practice, he enjoys both a contented marriage to his aristocratic wife, Genevive, and satisfying afternoon encounters with his mistress, Madeleine. He is never late for those five o'clock appointments nor for family dinner at seven-until a mysterious widow comes to his office with an unusual request. The lady insists that only Dubon can save her innocent friend, an Army captain named Dreyfus who was convicted of spying and exiled to Devil's Island two years earlier. Not wishing to disappoint the alluring widow, the gallant Dubon makes some perfunctory inquiries. But when he discovers the existence of a secret military file withheld from the defense during the trial, he embarks on an obsessive pursuit of justice that upends his complacent life. Donning a borrowed military uniform, Dubon goes undercover into the murky world of counterespionage, where his erratic hours alarm his forbidding wife and make his mistress increasingly aloof. As the layers of deceit and double crosses mount, Dubon's quixotic quest leads him into the heart of a dark conspiracy-one that endangers his own life and threatens to throw France herself into turmoil.  

2010  
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Tolkien, Simon
The Inheritance
Awaiting trial in the Tombs, Manhattan's infamous criminal detention complex, is Sharif Jabbar, the demagogic founder of a Harlem mosque. Charges against his terrorist attack on the city were dismissed once, and now that the Islam convert is being held on new allegations, New York District Attorney Roger "Butch" Karp is determined to bring him down. He faces formidable competition. Attorney Megan O'Dowd, a radical activist enthralled with revolutionary rhetoric, is going to the mat with the uncompromising conviction that Jabbar is being railroaded by the NYPD. Outside the criminal courts, Karp's wife, Marlene Ciampi, is pursuing her own investigation. Allegations against indigent Manhattan street vendor Dirty Warren in the murder of society beauty Michelle Oakley don't sit right with Marlene. Unfortunately her sole ally is religious vigilante David Grale, the charismatic but deranged leader of the Mole People. What Grale knows about city corruption snakes as far and wide as the dank honeycomb of the sewers and tunnels his destitute army calls home. Then Marlene discovers an unexpected--and ugly--parallel between the Oakley murder and the disappearance of another debutante: a treacherous underworld of upscale call girls and the price paid for indulging the wealthiest of men. As she explores these sordid truths, Butch Karp navigates his own tortured waters. What he soon discovers is that everyone, from the conspiratorial Jabbar and O'Dowd to the city's most powerful, unimpeachable players--has a secret that could either set them free or cost them more than they ever feared. 2010

Turow, Scott
Identical
State Senator Paul Giannis is a candidate for Mayor of Kindle County. His identical twin brother Cass is newly released from prison, 25 years after pleading guilty to the murder of his girlfriend, Dita Kronon. When Evon Miller, an ex-FBI agent who is the head of security for the Kronon family business, and private investigator Tim Brodie begin a re-investigation of Dita's death, a complex web of murder, sex, and betrayal--as only Scott Turow could weave--dramatically unfolds... 2013

Also try: Innocent

Vincenzi, Penny
More Than You Know
It's 1958, and Eliza Clark has it all: good looks, a privileged upbringing, and a fast-paced career as a successful magazine editor. High fashion means high life, and she's constantly jetting to Paris and Milan to take in the latest by Chanel, Dior, and Pucci. But when she falls head over heels for Matt Snow, an edgy working-class boy, and becomes pregnant, she is expected to give up her glamorous lifestyle and get married. Although their marriage is intensely passionate, it soon begins to fracture. When their divorce ends in a dramatic custody battle over their little girl, Emmie, and Summecourt, the country estate that has been in her family for generations, it leaves Eliza with a difficult decision: Love? Or money? 2013
Von Schirach, Ferdinand

The Collini Case

Fabrizio Collini is recently retired. He's a quiet, unassuming man with no indications that he's capable of hurting anyone. And yet he brutally murders a prominent industrialist in one of Berlin's most exclusive hotels. Collini ends up in the charge of Caspar Leinen, a rookie defense lawyer eager to launch his career with a not-guilty verdict. Complications soon arise when Collini admits to the murder but refuses to give his motive, much less speak to anyone. As Leinen searches for clues he discovers a personal connection to the victim and unearths a terrible truth at the heart of Germany's legal system that stretches back to World War II. But how much is he willing to sacrifice to expose the truth? 2013

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Watson, Larry

Let Him Go

Dalton, North Dakota. It's September 1951: years since George and Margaret Blackledge lost their son James when he was thrown from a horse; months since his widow Lorna took off with their only grandson and married Donnie Weboy. Margaret is steadfast, resolved to find and retrieve her grandson Jimmy - the one person in this world keeping James's memory alive - while George, a retired sheriff, is none too eager to stir up trouble. Unable to sway his wife from her mission, George takes to the road with Margaret by his side, traveling through the Dakota badlands to Gladstone, Montana. When Margaret tries to convince Lorna to return home to North Dakota and bring little Jimmy with her, the Blackledges find themselves entangled with the entire Weboy clan, who are determined not to give up the boy without a fight. 2013

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Whitbeck, William

To Account for Murder

Whitbeck, chief judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals, uses the real murder of state senator Warren G. Hooper in 1945 as the inspiration for a muddled fictional look at the rampant corruption that characterized the state from the 1920s until Hooper's murder spurred a successful reform movement. From his death bed in 1996, Charles Cahill relates to his only child his multiple roles in the death of state senator Harry Maynard and the conspiracy trials that followed. Cahill returns to Lansing after being invalided out of the army in 1945 and joins with special prosecutor Hubbell Street to try state treasurer Wade Fleming and two henchmen for conspiracy to murder Maynard, a man Cahill has told readers that he shot. Whitbeck handles the courtroom scenes and maneuvering well enough, but Street, who aspires to be governor, and Cahill are no better than the men they are trying to replace. 2012

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Wiehl, Lis

**Face of Betrayal: a Triple Threat Novel**
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**Also try: Heart of Ice: a Triple Threat Novel**

Woods, Stuart

**Lucid Intervals**
A It seems like just another quiet night at Elaine's. Stone Barrington and his former cop partner, Dino, are enjoying some pasta when in walks former client and all around sad sack Herbie Fisher...with a briefcase containing $14 million in cash. Herbie claims to have won the money on a lucky lotto ticket, but he also says he needs a lawyer-and after a single gunshot breaks the window above his head and sends diners scrambling, Stone and Dino suspect Herbie might need a bodyguard and a private investigator, too. 2010

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