

Author's New Legal Thriller Spotlights Common Variable Immune Deficiency

VISALIA, California, February 16, 2010, – In “The Court’s Expert”, author and veteran trial lawyer Richard Isham draws from a deep well of legal knowledge – as well as first-hand experience with common variable immune deficiency (CVID) – to compose a saga that challenges the presence of “junk science” testimony during court proceedings.

One of “The Court’s Expert” characters, Lawrence Martorano, dies under suspicious circumstances, leaving resolution of claims against his multi-million dollar estate to be resolved through court litigation.

Martorano, though, had a health condition – a primary immune deficiency disease – that further complicates the story. Martorano’s care-giver stands accused of tampering with her patient’s IVIG treatments, forcing her to not only argue for a promised portion of the bequeathed fortune, but to also defend herself against murder charges.

Isham’s own experiences with CVID began when the author himself was diagnosed 15 years ago. Those medical findings prompted Richard to immerse himself in research and information regarding immune deficiency diseases, and his studies led to the discovery of the Immune Deficiency Foundation (IDF).

“I was impressed with IDF’s work,” Isham said. “When I first contacted them I was just a patient writing a book. But they were always encouraging,” he laughed, “even after reading the rough draft.”

Elated not only by Isham’s writing talents but also his awareness-raising inclusion of a character with CVID, Marcia Boyle, president and founder of the Immune Deficiency Foundation, was eager to participate.

“Not only do readers care about the characters and get insights from a veteran trial attorney’s experience,” Marcia is quoted on the book jacket, “they gain knowledge about an important medical disorder touching the lives of many patients and their loved ones.”

“The Court’s Expert” not only features intriguing characters, a gripping storyline, and an insider’s look at the “science for sale” aspect of our judicial system, but it also advances a long-sought attempt to thrust primary immune deficiency diseases into public consciousness.

“There is a woefully low awareness of PIDD out there,” Isham said. “I hope this book will bring some much-needed attention to those affected by this disease.”

You can order a copy of “The Court’s Expert” by contacting Richard at rbisham@att.net, or by visiting www.richardisham.com. To purchase multiple copies, please contact Richard.

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