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Dedication

This book documents an intensive research project on the horrors of the legal system. It is dedicated to the best companion I ever had—my wife, Cindy. I would have never become aware of paper terror without her. Nor would I have ever devoted the thousands of hours of research necessary to understand the problem enough to write this book for the general public if it weren't for her.

I dedicate this book to the memory of my father, Gene (1911–2002), architect, builder, artist, musician, and a master of the art of kindness. Shortly before he died, he smiled with approval when I told him that I had filed a lawsuit against the people who encouraged Cindy to abandon our marriage. Without the lifelong preparation supported by my father, I would have never had the skills necessary to carry out this writing project.

I dedicate this book to my mother, Angela, who always had an insatiable desire to assist me in satisfying any goal that I could define. Without her past support, it would have been impossible to devote the time needed to carry out the research necessary to produce this book. Immediately after I told her Cindy had left, she told me I needed to move back to New Jersey as soon as possible. This relocation allowed me to utilize the vast resources available only in a major metropolitan area to make this book a reality.

I dedicate this book to all of the good people who were willing to reveal to me their honest opinions and concerns about various aspects of the legal system and this paper-terror project. Their names remain unwritten, because it would be too difficult to accurately reflect each contribution and note who disagreed with which ideas. They will remain the silent heroes who guided this book into existence.

Finally, we cannot forget God. This project would not have been pursued without the loud voice of circumstances that only God can

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provide. There were many alternative life paths that I wanted to pursue, but all except the pursuit of this book were blocked.

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Part I

The Danger

No One Is Exempt

Today It's Them. Tomorrow It's You.

The radio announcer said that a plane had crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center. I thought it was a sick joke, so I changed the station. As I tuned in to the next station, the announcer spoke in amazement about a second plane crashing into the south tower. It *was* sick. But it wasn't a joke.

Even after the second plane hit, I assumed that these crashes were unfortunate accidents. Until I had heard it from a few major networks, I refused to consider the possibility that anyone would intentionally crash passenger airliners into New York skyscrapers. I questioned the damage potential of a plane. In my mind, there was no possible way a plane could cause two of the largest buildings in America to crumble into nothing.

This refusal to consider the truth illustrates how most of us immediately disregard information that doesn't fit within our concept of reality. In our culture of information overload, it's necessary to ignore most of the data that constantly bombards us. If anything seems incorrect or useless, we ignore it. When an outrageous story doesn't fit into our reality, we assume that it will automatically disappear in response to our simple act of denial.

This tendency to allow our feelings to control our perception of reality sets us up for possible deception. Our denial opens up the possibility of a successful surprise attack on us—one that might have been prevented if we had used a more logical method to determine the validity of information.

My story begins with such a surprise attack. But my story is not about the World Trade Center. It's about a group of terrorists who have succeeded in dominating the greatest country that ever existed—

and they did it without the knowledge of the American voting majority.

Most Americans willingly ignore the existence of this deception, perhaps because it is so outrageous that it is unbelievable. Perhaps they believe that any instance of this widespread problem will automatically go away if they just ignore it. This refusal to face the truth allows a sophisticated gang to silently and peacefully drain the wealth of America, even as we worship members of this gang by endowing them with extraordinary prestige and money.

This is not a new revelation. More than sixty-five years ago, Yale Law School professor Fred Rodell made a simple but profound statement: "The legal trade, in short, is nothing but a high-class racket."

These harsh words represent a truth commonly known by many law students. Though lawyers often draw unwarranted prejudice from some Americans, the truth about the legal trade has never been common knowledge among the masses of American people who continue to feed that trade through their votes.

When we hear about people being sentenced to jail or losing court cases, most of us automatically assume that the legal system is generally working well. We don't realize that the legal racket described by Fred Rodell in 1939 is tame compared with the one that dominates our justice system in the year 2006. Most of us don't know that modern-day justice is only a fantasy to many people. Most of us don't know that, by design, justice is not the goal of our courts. The general public is unaware that anyone can become an innocent victim of legal abuse within a system that has almost totally forgotten the reason for its existence.

The Light

Like most people, I used to put lawyers on a pedestal. Throughout my life, there were several occasions when I had the opportunity to use their services. Generally I was happy to let them maintain their positions as defenders of the law. There was a time when I saw it as such an honorable field that I seriously considered pursuing a career in it.

My view of the legal system began to change when my wife abandoned me on May 9, 1999. After hiring a lawyer, I gave him a written outline of my goals. I wanted him to challenge the validity of a court action against our marriage. I told my lawyer, on several occasions, that

this abandonment did not resemble my wife's pattern of actions during the previous ten years, when we were best friends. I made it clear to him that no problems existed between Cindy and me that could justify the marital dissolution petition. I told him that there was an outside influence that, somehow, had prompted Cindy's uncharacteristic request for a legal marital dissolution. Although I thoroughly trusted the lawyer whom I had hired, I made it clear to him that I did not want to hire a lawyer who would ignore me and then blame me for his failure to do his job. On the basis of his apparent acceptance to follow these guidelines, I gave him the case.

After it was too late, however, I realized that he refused to address the issues that were the basis of his employment. When I originally had asked for his help, I didn't know that my engaging him would automatically give him the legal right to work *against* the best interest of my marriage. I didn't realize that my lawyer would operate in collusion with other members of the legal trade to defraud me.

I was surprised to learn that my lawyer operated on the same team as the opposing lawyer. It seemed unbelievable when I learned that this team's only interest was to uphold the desires of their judicial district, which supported a divorce mill. Unknown to me when I placed my faith in the legal system, no one would defend my marriage to Cindy, although saving the marriage was my chief goal in hiring a lawyer.

Initially I tried to justify these outrageous results by denying that they existed. This could not possibly be true. Perhaps I wasn't looking at the situation correctly. Maybe I did something wrong. Certainly my experiences with the legal system were based on my misinterpretation of the facts. Even if I were perceiving the facts correctly, I reasoned, they were isolated to my situation.

My lifelong understanding of the nature of the American government was the basis for this tendency to deny the truth. I had always held the fundamental belief that there were some areas of life no one was allowed to violate. The protection of these rights seemed part of a commonsense guarantee from our great American government. It seemed to me that the government should do everything possible to protect a marriage that was being destroyed for dishonest reasons. I assumed that the government would never interfere with my ability to benefit from my own labors. Certainly no one connected

with the government would ever consider interfering with my ability to enter into private contracts, own personal property, practice my chosen religion, and expose the truth in court to maximize the chances of a fair trial.

Like most of my friends, I assumed there was only one situation in which a court exercised its power to destroy a person's family, property, or career. The courts were allowed to use their massive powers to penalize someone only as the result of a *fair* determination of fault, related to some type of damages or danger the first person had caused to another. That's why it was such a shock to learn about a legal underworld that's benefiting from public misconceptions about the protection of our natural rights.

After my initial injustice occurred, I made additional attempts to obtain justice. My frustration in trying to obtain positive results through the subsequent use of the court system eventually led to several years of self-represented litigation, college law courses, legal seminars, audio and video lectures, personal interviews with legal-abuse victims, and extensive library research. When the first draft of this book was completed, it represented thousands of hours of research, litigation, and writing.

The Discovery

My investigation of the legal system took me to strange places. I uncovered an America that is nothing like the country that I learned about in school. These forays into the legal system seemed like trips to the very bowels of hell. I was shocked to learn that the courts encouraged the manipulation of empty words to change meanings, resulting in a form of abuse of citizens' rights that is referred to in this book as *paper terror*. I was surprised to learn that paper terror is common throughout the judiciary and is not limited to my own personal experience. I was surprised to learn that family-law situations, which seem to produce the most vocal victims of legal abuse, were not the only types of cases that caused the pain and suffering of legally induced injustice.

Most surprisingly, I learned that litigation is not a form of rocket science that was developed by a group of geniuses. Instead it's magic—sometimes performed by con artists. I found this to be one of the

most important revelations of my research.

Another surprising realization I encountered in this investigation was that many lawyers don't see the consequences of their actions as injustice and legal abuse. Most of these court officers actually believe that their strange rituals are a necessary part of our American judiciary. They actually believe that their actions are beneficial to American citizens.

The virus of denial didn't seem to want to leave me. After I read the first draft of *Survival of the Slickest*, I still didn't want to believe it. I tried to tell myself that nothing this strange could possibly be true. But how could I continue to doubt the documentation of my personal experience, the complaints of many others whom I met, and the hundreds of books written by scholars pointing to various problems within our legal system?

The evidence is strong: America is blind. For that reason, this book had to be published. I concluded that I would not be doing my duty as a patriotic American if I failed to inform the public of this horrible atrocity.

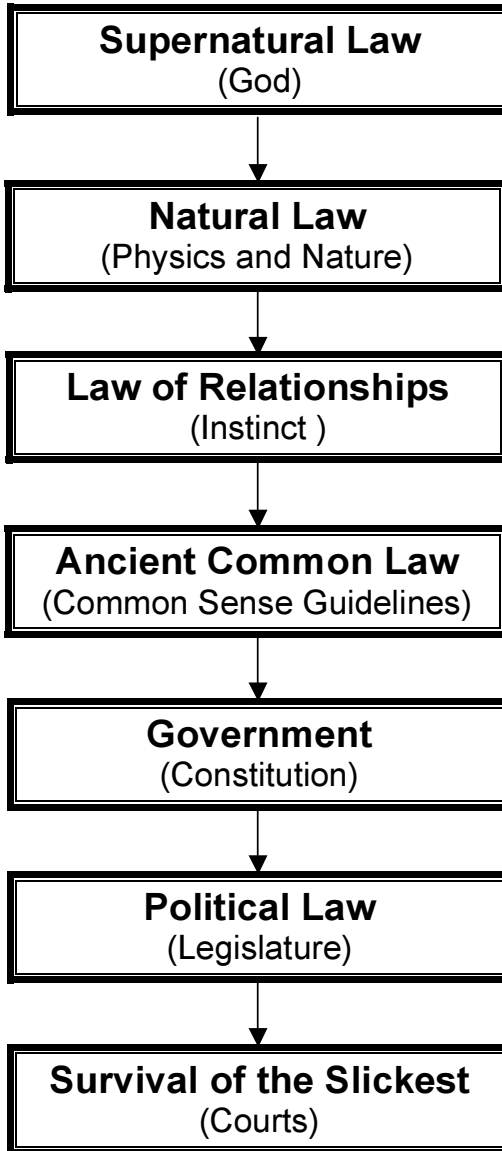
Survival of the Slickest is about hope. America is the greatest country that ever existed. Most of the people who work in the legal system want their actions to benefit our country. When enough citizens become aware of the dangers of the legal system, everyone can work together to organize the political force that is needed to cure its ills. The billions of dollars that are currently wasted by the legal trade can be redirected in a manner that will prevent the total destruction of our country. We can then use our resources in a way that will solidify our economic superiority and strengthen America's status as the world's greatest protector of freedoms.

The problems of legal abuse are not easy to explain. There were many times when I wanted to give up writing this book, because the system seemed too convoluted to understand. I endured a lot of pain and suffering to put this book into your hands. But that's OK, because the cost of writing it was nothing compared with the sacrifices of the millions of American heroes throughout history who made it possible for us to enjoy the blessings of freedom.

To be properly prepared for this tour, it's important to understand the basic ideas that form our legal system. The simple philosophy described in the next chapter is the cornerstone of this

book. This philosophy may be the first to challenge your way of thinking about our great American system of justice.

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