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## Judge turned crime novelist to attend international mystery convention

Atlanta (Oct. 5, 2009)--**Judge Gino Brogdon** will stand out from the crowd of more than 500 crime thriller/mystery writers who will attend the 40th Bouchercon mystery convention in Indianapolis.

With more than two decades in Atlanta's courtrooms, Judge Brogdon is a much sought after legal analyst who has appears several times on **CNN's *Nancy Grace Show***. He brings a chilling reality to his storytelling that few could equal. And his debut novel, *Demons in the Crawlspace*, the first of 11 books in his crime thriller series, has won praise from both the literary and legal community.

### Suggested story angles

Judge Brogdon is an expert on family violence and child abuse. As a judge, he presided over many such cases--elements of which he interweaves into *Demons in the Crawlspace*.

Transitions can be challenging: Judge Brogdon has heard cases from the Fulton County Superior Court (as well as the Georgia Supreme Court) bench. He has also established a successful Atlanta law firm and worked with troubled young men who appeared before his bench. Now, he's committed to becoming one of the best crime thriller writers in the world.

Becoming a successful writer is a journey plagued with obstacles. Judge Brogdon has been navigating around--and sometimes through--obstacles long before *Demons in the Crawlspace's* debut in June. In a life that began in humble circumstances, his march toward publishing success has been marked with both difficulties and triumphs. Two recent highlights include membership into the prestigious International Thriller Writers association and speaking to a captivated audience as a panelist at the Southern Independent Booksellers Association.

### Availability: interviews, comments, photographs

Judge Brogdon will attend the Bouchercon conference ([www.bouchercon2009.com](http://www.bouchercon2009.com)) in Indianapolis on Oct. 15 - 18, where conference organizers expect more than 2,000 attendees from around the world. Please contact his agent or publicist to arrange interviews, or you could reach Judge Brogdon directly, [mginob@gmail.com](mailto:mginob@gmail.com).

A press kit with more detailed information is available at [www.GinoBrogdon.com](http://www.GinoBrogdon.com).

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## Demons in the Crawlspace Scheduled to Launch

Atlanta (May 20, 2009) --- June 2 marks the official launch of Gino Brogdon's crime thriller, *Demons in the Crawlspace*. Brogdon will appear at Eagle Eye Bookshop in Decatur, Ga., for a signing. On June 4, Brogdon will host a book release party at Redfish Bistro in Atlanta.

"This is an exciting time for me," said Brogdon. "While I've had a charmed experience as a trial lawyer and judge, these experiences pale in comparison to my love for writing novels. *Demons* and its book progeny are the creative outlet for which I've yearned."

*Demons* is available at Barnes & Nobles, Amazon.com, Books-A-Million, ... The publisher, TotalRecall Publications, Inc., plans to release a trade paperback edition in January.

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## **TotalRecall Publications to publish *Demons in the Crawlspace***

Atlanta (Sept. 30, 2008) -- Texas-based publisher TotalRecall Publications, Inc., acquired the hardcover and trade paperback publishing right to *Demons in the Crawlspace*. The publisher plans to release the hardcover edition in the summer of 2009 and the trade paperback edition six months later.

"I'm looking forward to working closely with TotalRecall, as we make Gino Brogdon's first novel a major success," said Maureen Manning, Brogdon's literary agent. "This publisher has an impressive track record that we expect to continue as it ventures into literary publishing."

Since 1999, TotalRecall has published a range of non-fiction books, including technology and financial certification exam guides. Company founder Bruce Moran is now expanding his publishing program to include fiction.

TotalRecall has also acquired publishing rights to Brogdon's second novel of his 11-book crime thriller series. The second novel, titled *Inside She Waited*, is scheduled for a mid-2010 release date.

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## **BIOGRAPHY**

### **GINO BROGDON**

Gino Brogdon is ready to write the next chapter in his life. He has served as a judge and trial attorney for more than two decades. Now Brogdon is pursuing his literary passion. Brogdon published his first novel, Demons in the Crawlspace, in June 2009-the first of 11 books in his crime/thriller series.

A native of Warren, Ohio, a steel-town of about 46,000 residents, Brogdon graduated from Indiana University School of Law in 1986. As a judge in Atlanta, Brogdon presided over cases involving murder, drug trafficking, public corruption, rape and child molestation. Almost on a daily basis, he heard cases involving child-victims, which he says are commonplace and belies a widespread national problem that's underreported.

Outside the courtroom, Brogdon has worked earnestly to impact the lives of children and youth in the Atlanta area. He has served as a member of the corporate board of the Georgia Crime Victims Advocacy Council and the Georgia Council on Child Abuse. Brogdon has also been a mentor. He established and operated the Knights of the Roundtable Program, in which he meet weekly with first-time offenders in an effort to help young men change the course of their lives. He has also coached youth football, soccer and basketball.

His vast experience in the courtroom has made Brogdon a sought after legal analyst. He has appeared several times on CNN's Nancy Grace Show, MSNBC and public television talk shows.

Brogdon lives in Atlanta, has three sons, and enjoys painting, saxophone, and creative writing.

#### Key facts of Brogdon's professional background

##### **Judge**

2002 - 2005 Superior Court Judge, Atlanta, Ga.

1996 - 2002 State Court Judge, Atlanta, Ga.

##### **Attorney**

2006 - Present Law Firm Partner

1987 - 2002 Trial Attorney

##### **Education**

1986, J.D., Indiana University School of Law

1983, B.A., Oberlin College

Book Synopsis: Demons in the Crawlspace

Author: Gino Brogdon

Publisher: TotalRecall Publications, Inc.

Crime has become all too prevalent in Walker City. Detective Frank Salvato, who grew up in the small steel mill town, has seen it all-petty theft, drug trafficking and family violence. But Salvato's lieutenant drops a case involving two missing school girls on him that knocks this veteran crime fighter on the canvas. What starts off as a routine missing children case turns into one involving child molestation, murder and the surfacing of a secret satanic society in the working-class town.

Salvato-a divorced, middle-aged man who drinks a little too much-has more than a few personal demons of his own. He's doesn't hesitate to break a few rules to solve this case and prevent more child kidnappings.

### **Testimonials**

"Demons is a soul stirring look into the mind of a killer and the heart of a victim. A fast-paced gritty look at the reality of violent crime and those who fight to stop it." **Nancy Grace**, Host of CNN's Nancy Grace Show

"Gino's story is a must read and an explosive beginning to this exciting homicide cop series. Demons is a riveting depiction of the frightening realities of abuse and murder of children. The characters and scenes are written to detailed perfection. Demons is destined for a movie or TV series." **Judge Glenda Hatchett**, Host of Judge Hatchett

"...Most realistic portrayal of a cop's life since Michael Connelly. I can't wait for book two. Gino Brogdon is a man to watch! One of the best first novels I've read in a while." **George Scott**, Eagle Eye Book Shop, Decatur, Ga.

"There are more twists and turns in this novel than a mighty tornado. Do not attempt to predict the next chapter; you will fail." **Don Keenan**, founder and director of the Keenan Kids, best selling author of 365 Ways to Keep Your Kids Safe

"Gino Brogdon knows something that Grisham doesn't-Gino knows the street. Grisham is at his best writing about ivy leaguers....In contrast, Brogdon brings alive the flotsam and jetsam of society-homeless, the developmentally disabled, the prostitute, the pervert, and the substance abuser....He does this with a humor and with empathy." **William O'Donohue**, Ph.D., National pedophilia/sexual abuse/molestation expert and professor, Department of Psychology, University of Nevada, Reno

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## Prestigious Writers' Association Welcomes Brogdon into its Circle

Atlanta (June 15, 2009) -- International Thriller Writers (ITW) welcomed Gino Brogdon as a full member of the organization. He joins an elite circle of bestselling thriller writers that includes David Morrell and David Baldacci.

"It's indeed an honor to become an active member in such a prestigious association of writers," Brogdon said. "I'm looking forward to building solid relationships with my new colleagues and contributing to ITW's growth."

At the organization's upcoming annual Thriller Fest, July 8 - 11 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City, ITW will recognize Brogdon as a debut author.

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