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Deadly Lessons

Winston Patrick thought he had left the law behind him. Successful but dissatisfied with his career defending the downtrodden of Vancouver's criminal world, Winston trades in the courtroom for the classroom at a rough East Vancouver high school.

Soon Winston's past life meets his present, when Carl, a fellow teacher, seeks Winston's legal help after Carl's student threatens to expose a lurid teacher-student love affair.

Reluctantly, Winston agrees to provide legal defence of Carl's alleged sexual impropriety, but the case takes an even uglier turn: the student is murdered, making her alleged lover the prime suspect.

And this is no ordinary student. With family connections reaching as high as the Prime Minister's office, Winston and best friend Detective Andrea Pearson find themselves immersed in a murder investigation that could cause an international incident, if it doesn't cost Winston his own life first. Because the closer Winston gets to the truth about this student's death, the further the killers are willing to go to silence him. The bodies continue to pile up as Winston and Andrea desperately seek justice for the slain girl.

Can Winston learn why an apparently innocent student had to die before the answer kills him?

A humorous, thoughtful novel by a talented newcomer,
in the tradition of the legal mystery made popular by Turow and Grisham.

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