

# Mystery Writing Competition



Ever thought about  
**writing crime fiction?**

This is a unique opportunity to have **your** short  
**story read by best-selling** crime novelists.

## RULES?

1. Your story must feature a lawyer as a main character.
2. Your story must be original, unpublished, and less than 3,500 words.
3. Submissions must be in Microsoft Word, using a 12-point font and double-spaced. The document must be emailed as an attachment to [lawasb@hofstra.edu](mailto:lawasb@hofstra.edu) **by May 1, 2014**, with the subject line "mystery writing competition."
4. The first-place story will be published on the website of Mulholland Books, an imprint of Little, Brown and Company devoted to publishing the best in suspense fiction. All authors will retain copyright.

## PRIZES?

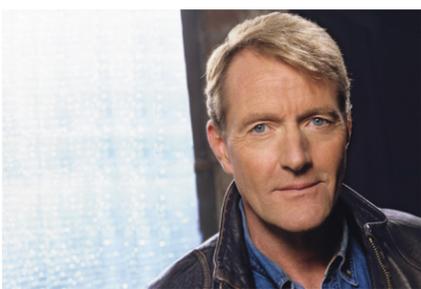
**FIRST PRIZE: \$500**

Online publication  
and promotion by  
Mulholland Books

**SECOND PRIZE: \$200**

**THIRD PRIZE: \$100**

## JUDGES?



**LEE CHILD** is the No. 1 internationally best-selling author of 18 Jack Reacher thrillers. He went to law school in Sheffield, England, and had a long career in television production before deciding to write his first novel. The 2012 film *Jack Reacher* was based on his novel *One Shot* and starred Tom Cruise.



**MARCIA CLARK** is the best-selling author of three novels featuring Los Angeles Special Trials prosecutor Rachel Knight. Her books have been optioned for a one hour drama series by TNT. Marcia is attached as an executive producer and the pilot is currently in production. She is a former Los Angeles deputy district attorney, and was the lead prosecutor in the OJ Simpson murder case.



**ALAFAIR BURKE** is a professor of law at the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University. She is also the best-selling author of ten novels, including the Ellie Hatcher series. Her next book, *All Day and a Night*, features a wrongful conviction case and will be published by HarperCollins in June.