Chapter 1 - Capital Offense

Chapter 2 - All American

changeup – a slow pitch in baseball thrown with the same motion as a fastball in order to deceive the batter.

Chapter 3 - A Two Year Test Drive

Chapter 4 – The Cooler Killer

Chapter 5 – Premeditated

Chapter 6 – The Whole Truth

Chapter 7 – Conviction, Conviction, Conviction

depredations - plunder

Chapter 8 – Keep Your Mouth Shut

commissary – food supplies

Chapter 9 – On Appeal

**Spackle** is a registered trademark **of** the Muralo **Company**, located in Bayonne, New Jersey. Muralo's product is dry powder, to be mixed with water by the user to form putty or paste. ... The term "**spackle**" has since become a genericized trademark applied in the United States to a variety **of** household hole-filling products.

Chapter 10 – The Death Squad

Santha Sonnenberg – new attorney

Chapter 11 – Waiting to Die

My breath caught – another way of saying ‘I caught my breath’

Chapter 12 - The Queen of England

Judicial override –

April 4, 2017 - The Alabama legislature today passed a bill that ends the practice of judicial override in death penalty cases.

No capital sentencing procedure in the United States has come under more criticism as unreliable, unpredictable, and arbitrary than the unique Alabama practice of permitting elected trial judges to override jury verdicts of life and impose death sentences.

Alabama is the only state where judges have routinely overridden jury verdicts of life to impose death sentences. Since 1976, Alabama judges have overridden jury life verdicts over one hundred times.

Chapter 13 – No Monsters

voir dire – a preliminary examination to determine the competency of a witness or juror

abrogate – to abolish by authoritative action, annul

Chapter 14 – Love is a Foreign Language

Chapter 15 – Go Tell It on the Mountain

Sisyphus is the man who repeatedly pushed a boulder up the hill.

Chapter 16 – Shakedown

Chapter 17 – God’s Best Lawyer

EJI – Equal Justice Initiative

Chapter 18 – Testing the Bullets

Chapter 19 - Empty Chairs

writ of mandamus - a writ issued by a superior court commanding the performance of a specified official act or duty

cognizable - capable of being judicially heard and determined

habeus corpus - any of several common-law writs issued to bring a party before a court or judge

Chapter 20 – Dissent

Chapter 21 – They Kill You on Thursday

Chapter 22 – Justice for All

Forma pauperis - a Latin term meaning "in the form of a pauper," referring to a party to a lawsuit who gets filing fees waived by filing a statement, often in the form of an affidavit, declaring the inability to pay

remand - to send back (a case) to another court or agency for further action

Chapter 23 – The Sun Does Shine

Chapter 24 – Bang on the Bars

People ask me how I can stay in Alabama. Why wouldn’t I leave? Alabama is my home.

I think the question should refer to a contrary situation “Why would I leave?”

Afterword – Pray for Them by Name

Note that the most frequent name is Williams – not Smith or Jones