



**BOOK ANNOUNCEMENT**

## Riveting Legal Suspense from Lawyer Todd M. Johnson

- A decades-old theft case leaves a lawyer scrambling for his very life
- For fans of Robert Whitlow, Randy Singer, and John Grisham
- “With an irresistible set-up, suspense, a subtle love triangle, strong dialogue, characters, and a focused plot, Johnson makes a strong first literary case.”  
—*Publishers Weekly* on *The Deposit Slip*

Ian Wells is a young criminal defense attorney struggling to build a Minneapolis law practice he inherited from his father while caring for a mother with Alzheimer’s. Nearly at the breaking point, everything changes for Ian when a new client offers a simple case: determine whether three men qualify for over nine million dollars of trust funds. To qualify, none can have been involved in criminal activity for the past twenty years. Ian’s fee for a week’s work: the unbelievable sum of two hundred thousand dollars.

Ian warily accepts the job—but is quickly dragged deep into a mystery linking the trust with a decades-old criminal enterprise and the greatest unsolved art theft in Minnesota history. As stolen money from the art theft surfaces, Ian finds himself the target of a criminal investigation by Brook Daniels, a prosecutor who is also his closest law school friend. He realizes too late that this simple investigation has spun out of control and now threatens his career, his future, and his life.

**“With its dizzyingly twisty, engrossing plot, Johnson’s latest legal thriller is a perfect match for fans of John Grisham and Robert Whitlow.”**

—*Library Journal*

**“[A] tangled legal thriller. . .**

**Johnson reveals one surprising secret after another.”**

—*Publishers Weekly*

*Fatal Trust*

by Todd M. Johnson

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