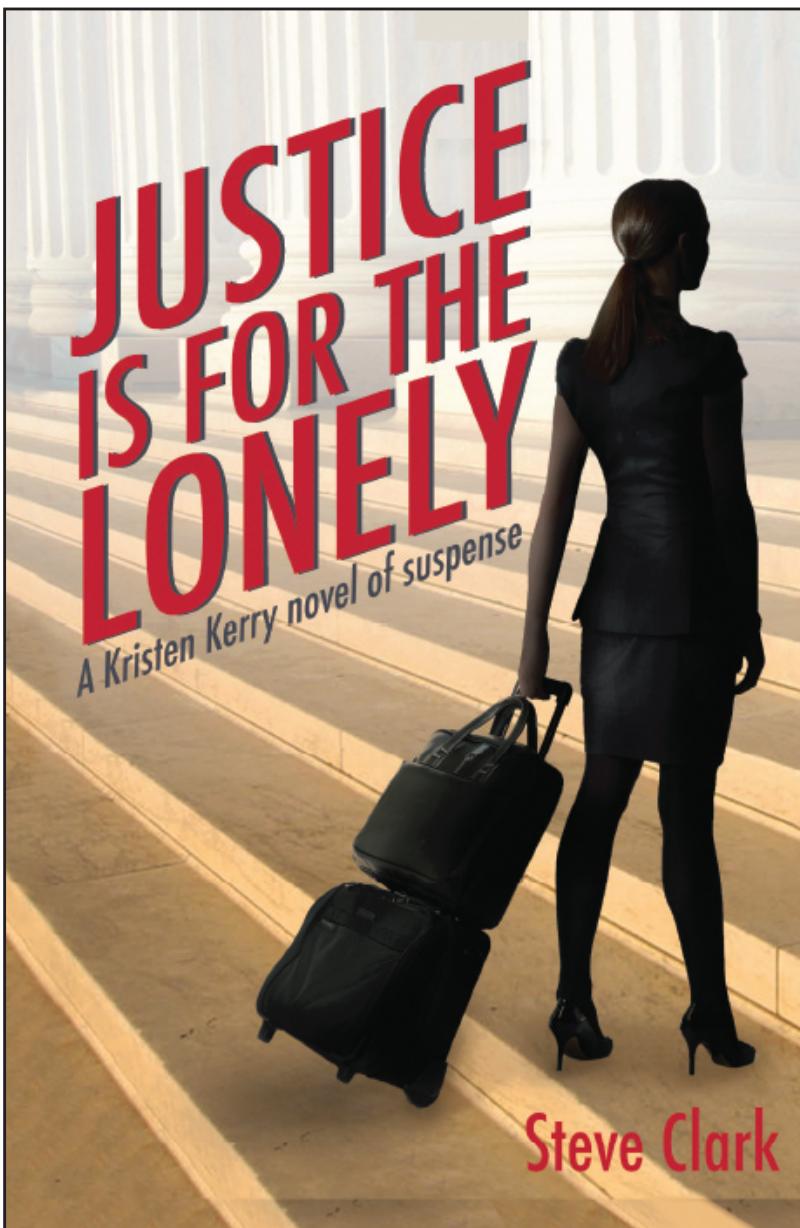


JUSTICE

A KRISTEN KERRY NOVEL OF SUSPENSE



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After successful heart surgery a former Dallas Cowboy mysteriously lapses into a permanent coma. The nurses and doctors claim they have no idea what happened. The football player's family sues, claiming negligence by his cardiologist and Adventist Hospital. Kristen Kerry's boss, Pete McGee, is the lead counsel for the hospital. He thinks she wants on the case so badly he can order her into a clandestine mission. Do anything necessary to hook the doctor's lawyer, sleazy Michael Stern, into a joint defense deal! Then double cross him in trial. However McGee doesn't know Kristen as well as he thinks. She is honest, tough, and hides a secret of childhood of trauma.

While Kristen struggles with her duty to her client and how to avoid her disgusting assignment, Stern plans to backstab her - after he has gotten her in bed. The lawyers work and travel together. Kristen grudgingly finds Stern attractive. Although an indifferent husband he's a dedicated father. Stern is perplexed by Kristen's resistance to his charm and the occasional melancholy he notices. The lawyers play a game of chicken. Who will backstab the other first? When to strike?

Stern's plan unravels when he discovers Kristen's secret. He doesn't want to hurt her, but how can he betray his best client? As the trial careens toward its conclusion Stern's wife is stalked by Leonard Marrs, a rapist she helped parole. Marrs and one of Stern's bitter associates, plan a kidnapping that will leave them rich and Stern ruined. Their scheme ends in murder. Kristen pries into hospital records and realizes she might solve the mystery that could lead to the death penalty for Stern. She will have to risk her license, prison, and even her life venturing into a netherworld of evil. Unfortunately Kristen discovers the law doesn't always appreciate heroes.

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