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## **AUTHOR / ATTORNEY/ SPEECHWRITER / PUBLIC SPEAKER**

Artfully skilled writer with a compelling and descriptive style. An impactful and authentic voice, and inspiring storyteller.

Former Assistant United States Attorney (Federal Prosecutor) for Washington, D.C., and the Middle District of Louisiana, Subcommittee Counsel for United States Senator Carl Levin (D--MICH.), Corporate Counsel for "Fortune 500" companies, and private attorney. International resident and traveler, with a global perspective. An accomplished attorney who has turned her pen back to creative writing with the persuasive energy and artful authenticity previously reserved for legal writing, but first demonstrated in childhood.

An imaginative writer, possessing a convincing and dynamic voice drawing from extraordinary life experiences. Also a top-tier lawyer and experienced litigator having handled major and usual criminal (incl. murder) and complex civil cases, which showcase the depth of human depravity, injustice, triumph, enduring love and heroism. Navigated the labyrinth of corporate America and witnessed corporate intrigue at its worst. An accomplished speech-writer for well-known political figures, and political candidates with substantial public-speaking experience. *Vice Chargée de Presse* for the Washington, D.C. Chapter of *La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs*, the oldest gastronomic society in the world (Est. 1248, Paris) – writing food, wine and restaurant reviews for the organization, published on line and in the international magazine – *Gastronome*. A professional life providing a great source of amazing material, exciting drama and humorous escapades. Author of professional publications, fiction and nonfiction manuscripts, short stories, prose and poetry, with forthcoming novels.

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## **PENDING PUBLICATION**

### **SUNBURNT- Death of America's Paradise©**

Based on true-events, including shocking crimes and the assassination of Virgin Islands Police Officer Stephen Hodge, in "America's Paradise," the U.S. Virgin Islands (St. Thomas, St. John, St. Croix, and Water Island), the most popular cruise ship destination in the world and America's premier Caribbean vacation destination.

*Before the reign of Mexican drug lords, South American cartel drug-trafficking raged through the U.S. Virgin Islands unseen by most. Fleeing death threats and devastating personal trauma and seduced by the islands' idyllic façade, Federal Prosecutor Victoria Mignon begins life anew in "America's Paradise" – only to discover she has been manipulated into working for the very criminals she spent a career putting away.*

*If you think you know "America's Paradise" think again!*

## **FORTHCOMING NOVELS**

### **REVEALED - Eyes in the Darkness©**

The sequel to *SUNBURNT- Death of America's Paradise©*, based in part on true events, revealing a hidden national security agenda concealed in the U.S. Virgin Islands, that will shake international relations in the Western Hemisphere, and reverberate through international drug cartels all the way to the Kremlin.

*Behind the crumbling façade of "America's Paradise," the U.S. Virgin Islands, the federal Government appears to sanction murder, pervert justice and sponsor South American cartel connected drug-smuggling while channeling nearly \$1Billion a year into the pockets of corrupt politicians. The question is why? The answer lies in notebooks that have already cost their author his life. Uncovering the truth, former Federal Prosecutor Victoria Mignon will incur the wrath of a rogue National Security Administration (NSA) Commander.*

Who is the NSA really protecting, the nation or itself?

**Death at the Grande Chapitre/The Chained Rose©**

In a world disintegrating for the lack of a unifying, great world leader, the modern remnants of the ancient secretive religious, scientific and mystic Order – Rosicrucians (Rose Cross) develop a plan to create a world leader, through genetic engineering, who will bring global peace and prosperity. Using the stolen DNA of icons of modern civilization and employing murderous operatives – Rose Guards – who long ago infiltrated La Chaine des Rotisseurs, the oldest gastronomic society in the world (Est.1248, Paris), the Order secretly uses the food and wine society to achieve its ominous objective.

*Nicholas Mecklen felt an unfamiliar fear. The fear of incompetence. As a world-renowned immunologist, leading groundbreaking vaccine research into biochemical warfare at the University of Geneva's Center for Frontiers in Genetics and Biochemistry, his expertise was unparalleled. But in this moment, as a husband and a father, he was helpless.*

**PUBLISHED ARTICLES**

*(Numerous articles including the following)*

**Marcel's – Washington's Premier Restaurant de l'Amour**

*Il a été l'amour à la première bouchée -- it was love at first bite. A grand epicurean romance worthy of Romeo and Juliet. [l chainedc.com](http://l chainedc.com), (February 2015).*

**Pizza, Prosecco and People**

*A delightful and delicious gastronomic respite from Washington, D.C's deep mid-winter. [l chainedc.com](http://l chainedc.com) (February 2015).*

**A Glorious Holiday Gala at the Willard Inter-Continental Hotel**

*As exquisite and unique as each sparkling snowflake fluttering through the crisp air on a clear wintery morning, each plate was a beautiful jeweled ornament and each course a perfect act of holiday pageantry. [l chainedc.com](http://l chainedc.com) and [Gastronome](http://Gastronome.com), (December 2015).*

**The Source – A Reimagined Roasted Feast**

*A sumptuous, edible historical essay on the culinary mastery of the founding Chaine des Rotisseurs. [l chainedc.com](http://l chainedc.com) (November 2014).*

**The Tabard Inn – La Cuisine d'Alchemie**

*A mystical epicurean exhibition of ingenious artistry. [l chainedc.com](http://l chainedc.com), (September 2014).*

**Bangkok Golden – A Laotian Culinary Seduction**

*An exciting and herbaceous culinary journey to an exotic and timeless paradise. [l chainedc.com](http://l chainedc.com), (August 2014).*

**PUBLISHED WORKS**

**The Role of the Administrative Law Judge in the Title II Social Security Disability Insurance Program**,  
U.S. Senate Report United States Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

**Poetry** – *The Dandelion.*

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### **COMING TITLES**

**Guilty Mind**© – “Getting away with murder,” over and over can be sweet until you’re doomed to the purgatory created for your victims. Based on a true-life murder in the nation’s capital.

**Dark Baby**© – Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder,” but seen through colored glasses. Guilt, resentment, hatred, envy, deception and murder all lying in a cradle.

**Cabinetmaker’s Children**© – “Love ‘em and leave ‘em.” Love, lost and lies -- a trail of abandoned lovers . . . forgotten children fighting hidden enemies and unexpected revenge.

**I Hate Dating, E-Jects and E-Lies and Other Romantic Disasters**© – A collection of short stories and too long dates. Before “e-dating” there were “blind dates,” and now you only have to be blind . . . deaf, dumb and gullible!

**Unseen Harm**© – A short story -- In our pursuit of love our most dangerous adversary is the power of the heart to deceive out of desire, while our greatest ally is the power of the spirit to ultimately reveal the truth and protect the soul.

**OTHER TITLES:** “Turtle Child - A Memoir©,” “From Dying to Age Defying©,” “Cleft of the Rock©,” “God’s Own Heart©.”

### **SPEECHES**

**Various U.S. Senate Floor Statements for:** U.S. Senator, Carl Levin (D--MICH), Washington, D.C.

**Various Presented Speeches Including:**

*Education – Transforming Lives, Saving Communities and Changing the World*, Washington, D.C

*Working Women – Embracing Change*, Washington, D.C

*A Woman’s Worth – Restoring the Temple of God*, Washington, D.C.

“*A [Woman] After God’s Own Heart*,” Memphis, TN

*Partners in the Health Ministry – It’s All About the People*, Washington, D.C.

*Global Warming: A Reality in Need of a Response Now*, Washington, D.C

*Claiming Victory from the Ashes*, New York, NY.

*Citizenship*, Washington, D.C.

*Human Embryo Cloning – Miraculous Medicine vs. Reproductive Folly*, Washington, D.C.

### **LAW RELATED WORKS**

**Various Appellate Briefs** – Criminal and civil briefs for Appellants and Appellees in state and federal circuit courts of appeal, including District of Columbia Circuit of Appeals, Third Circuit Court of Appeals, and Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Including: Pedro Harris v. The Government of the United States Virgin Islands (*Successful appeal of the false conviction and 17 year wrongful incarceration stemming from the cover-up of the murder of Virgin Islands’ Police Officer Stephen Hodge and the basis for SUNBURNT – Death of America’s Paradise.©*)

**EDUCATION**

**University of Toronto, Victoria College**, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

**Andrews University** Berrien Springs, MI.

***Bachelor of Science (w/Honors) - Sociology and Political Science***

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**Howard University School of Law**, Washington, DC,  
***Juris Doctor***

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

District of Columbia; Michigan (*Inactive*)

U.S. Virgin Islands (*U.S. District Court*)

**COMPUTER SKILLS**

MS Word, WordPerfect, Systran, Lexis-Nexis; West Law, Juris  
(DOJ Legal e-Research tools); Website development

**LANGUAGES**

English • French and Italian (limited fluency)

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS**

District of Columbia Bar Association

Washington Writer's Center; American Independent Writer's Association

*La Chaîne Des Rôtisseurs - Chargée De Presse*

PADI Scuba Diver Certification

*References and writing samples available upon request*