



# Conspiracy Ignited

## An Eric Ridge Thriller

For fans of Michael Connelly's *The Lincoln Lawyer*, Robert Crais' *A Dangerous Man*, and Lee Child's *Bad Luck and Trouble*, *Conspiracy Ignited* is a gripping crime thriller, timely yet timeless, that blends action and adventure with our real world like no novel before it. Based predominately on actual events from the high-stakes world of litigation, CIA experiences and combat, this story is about the battle between good and evil and what happens when it gets personal.

"Drop the case!" Bashed over the head and tossed overboard into the cold, dark water of a Los Angeles marina, combat veteran turned litigator Eric Ridge struggles to stay alive—and discover who is trying to kill him. And why. No matter the answer, one thing is certain: Eric Ridge does not abandon his clients and will not drop the case. The question is, what case was his assailant yelling about? Working with his legal team—including his best friend and his computer-whiz wife—Ridge is ultimately drawn into the sinister world of the Raven Society, a cabal that controls the courts by coercing or killing judges. And anyone else who gets in the way. In a race against the clock, will Ridge and his team survive to use the evidence they've developed? Or will they suffer the same fate as others who have dared to confront The Raven Society?

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"Make room on your bookshelves for Raymond Paul Johnson, the next great voice in the thriller genre. [It's] a barn burner of a book. Once you start, clear your calendar for the rest of the day. What a ride!"  
—**John Gilstrap, New York Times Bestselling Author of the Jonathan Grave Thriller Series**

"A stellar debut with an intricate plot, fascinating characters, and exciting action....The main character, lawyer Eric Ridge, is a former CIA pilot....His history parallels that of the book's author, who, through flashbacks, weaves Ridge's wartime experiences into the story as only someone who lived them could describe them...culminating in an extended action sequence that will satisfy the most demanding action-adventure fans."  
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"This action-packed thriller has everything a fan of conspiracy and legal mysteries could want....[It's] by no means a one-man action novel, and for that difference alone it deserves a high place on the thriller shelf. Overall, this is a superb work of fiction...highly recommend[ed] to all fans of high-octane and high-stakes legal novels."  
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"A relentless thriller that whisks you to the ragged edges of justice, war and human resolve...[and] keeps you turning pages right up to the exciting climax and then—wanting more. The author is a gifted storyteller who grounds the novel in real-world high-stakes litigation based on his successful career as a trial lawyer."  
—**Morse Taylor, Attorney-at-Law and Author of The Fly Who Knew Too Much**



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Raymond Paul Johnson attended New York University where he received a regular commission in the USAF through special U.S. Senate confirmation. He then served as a combat pilot, jet instructor and functional test pilot in the USAF and paramilitary pilot in Laos and Cambodia with the CIA. Ray received the Distinguished Flying Cross, five Air Medals and the Meritorious Service Medal, among other awards. He also earned a Master of Science degree in engineering at the Air Force Institute of Technology and served as DOD Chairperson of the DOD-NASA Space Shuttle Integration Groups. Later, Ray graduated with a law degree from the College of William and Mary and has practiced nationwide as a trial lawyer for over 35 years. He has been chosen as a "Super Lawyer" by *Los Angeles Magazine* every year since 2006, and lives in Southern California with his wife, his golden retriever and too many rescue cats to mention.

