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**Re: *So Help Me God***

Dear Larry:

Attached you will find a copy of my review and comments of your book. I have talked to David Marion Wilkinson and he would be glad to visit with you. You might want to send him a copy of your book and solicit his comments.

Best wishes to you in this effort. With a couple of breaks, this could become a bestseller and possibly a movie.

I am impressed.

Very truly yours,

THE PERDUE LAW FIRM, L.L.P.



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## REVIEW OF LARRY THOMPSON'S BOOK

Seldom does a first effort at courtroom fiction find itself in the class of such notables as *Inherit the Wind*, *The Verdict* and *The Rainmaker*. But Houston's own Larry Thompson's *So Help Me God* certainly belongs there. The story begins as an obscure and unfortunately all too common date rape. A seventeen year old Texas City girl is doubly victimized when her abortion is botched by an overworked obstetrician trying to make ends meet by performing elective abortions at a family planning clinic in Houston. Prosecution of the malpractice case could have been a story in itself but Mr. Thompson expands his tale to encompass all the issues and characters involved in the most contentious debate currently raging in this country – abortion.

Only a trial lawyer who had spent decades in Texas courtrooms could construct such excentric yet real characters as plaintiff lawyer Johnny Bob Tisdale and defense counsel Tod Duncan. Only a Texan familiar with right-wing evangelists could persuasively explain the character and motivations of the Reverence T.J. Luther also known as “The Chosen.” What might have been an ordinary malpractice case evolves into a war between pro-life groups determined to destroy family planning clinics and an action against the Reverend, his wealthy Fort Worth church and other pro-life groups for slander. The case becomes a media circus as it pell mells towards its ultimate resolution by a Harris County jury.

The author explains the inner workings of the civil justice system in a way that a lay person will be both educated and entertained. Even experienced trial lawyers will learn a few new tricks from these fictional courtroom advocates. And, like his legendary brother, Tommy Thompson, Larry weaves a narrative full of unexpected twists and turns that leave the reader anxious to learn how the story will end.

In the final analysis, the reader is brought to confront their feelings about the issue of abortion and those in this country who radicalize the issue. Mr. Thompson synthesizes and simplifies the scientific and religious debate in an effort to answer a question that has perplexed for thousands for years, “When does life begin?” The author leaves the solution of that puzzle to the reader. His story is rather about the extremes that some will go to further their cause and the hypocrisy that is often attached to radical movements.

**You don't want to miss this ride as it is a thrilling one filled with surprises in and out of the courtroom. *So Help Me God* is a combination of the O.J. Simpson and Scopes Monkey trials. I predict *So Help Me God* will become a modern day classic courtroom tale.**

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