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Newton, MA--The latest novel from BC Law alumnus John F. Dobbyn ('65) has hit the shelves. *Black Diamond* (Oceanview Publishing), Dobbyn's third novel, is a legal thriller set in Boston against the backdrop of the high-stakes horse racing world.

The novel centers around lawyers Michael Knight and Lex Devlin, who agree to defend a jockey accused of murdering a fellow jockey during a race at Boston's Suffolk Downs. A personal attachment to the murdered jockey thrusts Michael and Lex into the middle of a violent conflict between Boston's Irish mafia and remnants of the terrorist branch of the Irish Republican Army.

The novel delves into the seamiest side of horse racing, and both lawyers are soon targeted by the gangs as they are seen as a threat.

Boston native Dobbyn, also a professor of law at Villanova University, is the author of two previous Knight and Devlin novels, *Neon Dragon* and *Frame-Up*. Many of his short stories have been published in *Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine* and in *Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine*. Dobbyn and his wife, Lois, live in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.