

When attorney and author Pamela Samuels Young isn't practicing law, you can usually find her penning her next legal thriller. Described by one reviewer as "*John Grisham with a sister's twist*," Pamela is an award-winning author of six legal thrillers.

The prolific writer has always abided by the philosophy that you create the change you want to see. Fed up with never seeing women or people of color depicted as savvy, hotshot attorneys in the legal thrillers she read, Pamela decided to create her own characters. Despite the demands of a busy legal career, the Compton, California native accomplished her ambitious goal by rising at 4 a.m. to write before work, dedicating her weekends to writing and even spending her vacation time glued to her laptop for ten or more hours a day. In the process, she discovered her passion.

Pamela's sixth novel, *Anybody's Daughter* (2013), which tackles the horrific world of child sex trafficking, was the recipient of the 2014 NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Fiction. Her debut novel, *Every Reasonable Doubt* (2006), won the *Black Expressions* magazine's Fiction Writing Contest, received an honorable mention in the SEAK Legal Fiction Writing Competition and was a finalist for USA Book News' Best Books of 2006 award in the mystery, suspense and thriller category. Her second novel, *In Firm Pursuit* (2007), was honored by *Romantic Times* magazine as a finalist for Best African-American Novel of 2007. *Murder on the Down Low* (2008), Pamela's third release, was an "Editor's Pick" by *Black Expressions* magazine and a finalist for the 2009 African-American Literary Awards in the fiction category. The Black Caucus of the American Library Association honored Pamela's next novel, *Buying Time* (2009), with its 2010 Fiction Award, calling the book "a captivating, suspenseful thriller." *Attorney-Client Privilege* (2012) was a finalist for USA Book News' Best Books of 2014 award in the multi-cultural fiction category. Her seventh thriller, *Lawful Deception* (2015) tackles a rather unique paternity case.

Her writing repertoire also includes the short stories *Unlawful Greed*, featured in the anthology *The Funeral* (2013), *Easy Money*, featured in the anthology *Scoundrels: Tales of Greed, Murder and Financial Crimes* (2012) and *The Setup*, featured in the Sisters in Crime anthology, *Landmarked for Murder* (2006). She also has an essay in the anthology, *A Letter for My Mother* (2013).

Pamela has achieved a successful writing career while working as Managing Counsel for Labor and Employment Law for Toyota in Southern California, specializing in employment law and social media law. Prior to that, she served as Employment Law Counsel for Raytheon Company and spent several years as an associate with the law firm of O'Melveny & Myers, LLP, in Los Angeles. A former journalist, Pamela began her broadcasting career at WXYZ-TV in Detroit and later worked as a news writer and associate producer at KCBS-TV in Los Angeles.

A graduate of UC Berkeley's School of Law, Pamela has a bachelor's degree in journalism from USC and a master's degree in broadcasting from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. She formerly served on the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles chapter of Mystery Writers of America and is a diehard member of

Sisters in Crime-L.A., an organization dedicated to the advancement of women mystery writers.

A frequent speaker on the topics of sex trafficking, fiction writing and pursuing your passion, Pamela lives in the Los Angeles area and attends Hope in Christ Community Church in Compton. To read an excerpt of her books or to schedule her for a speaking engagement or book club meeting via Skype, visit her website at www.pamelasamuelyoung.com or contact her publicist at authorpamelasamuelyoung@gmail.com.