THE SUSPECT
AN OLYMPIC BOMBING, THE FBI, THE MEDIA, AND RICHARD JEWELL,
THE MAN CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE
KENT ALEXANDER ’83
AND KEVIN SALWEN
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Kent Alexander ’83, former U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Georgia and co-author of a new book on the Richard Jewell case, was in the midst of his federal service when the pipe bomb exploded at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, killing two people and wounding 111 others.

Alexander and co-author Kevin Salwen write about the rush to judgment on Jewell, who was a security guard at the games, in “The Suspect: An Olympic Bombing, the FBI, the Media, and Richard Jewell, the Man Caught in the Middle.”

Their book was a contributing source for last year’s “Richard Jewell” biopic, released by Warner Bros.

Jewell, while walking his beat in Atlanta’s Centennial Olympic Park, noticed the bomb in advance of the explosion, saving lives. He was a hero. But he was soon pegged as the culprit. The theory was that he longed to be a hero by setting up a dangerous situation that he could then report on.

Alexander talked to NPR in December about how the FBI and the media, in their push for answers and an arrest, identified the wrong man. He said the use of profiling as an investigative tool was in its heyday in the 1990s, contributing to a snap judgment based on a profiler’s four-page report.

“I think that one thing that this whole Richard Jewell case will help with in law enforcement and elsewhere is making people stop and think,” he said. “And it’s not just a description. It’s not just a caricature at the end of an investigation. It’s always a human being.”

Following the unofficial naming of Jewell as a person of interest by reporters, Alexander personally delivered the letter to Jewell stating he was “not considered a target” of the federal criminal investigation.

Alexander told the ABA Journal that it was “the most difficult letter to write in my career” because of the many audiences who would read the letter, including some members of law enforcement who still believed Jewell’s actions were suspect.

Alexander’s co-author, Salwen, is a former Wall Street Journal reporter and editor who oversaw the paper’s coverage of the bombing. The book is the culmination of five years of research in addition to their personal experiences.

—Eric Williamson
years ago, Lester challenges many interpretations in earlier biographies. By examining Asquith’s early career—particularly his tenure as home secretary and his time as a barrister—Lester offers insights into the prime minister’s character and development as a political leader.

Though Asquith is often considered a failed leader in World War I, Lester argues that through his lifelong reliance on rational thought, eloquence and self-control, Asquith held the fragile government together as it struggled to handle the unexpected and unprecedented challenges of world war and lay the foundation for ultimate victory.

“Untangling Fear in Lawyering” discusses the reality, causes, manifestations and consequences of fear in legal education and practice, from the standpoint of law students, junior attorneys and clients. Brown analyzes fear from cognitive, physical and emotional perspectives. The book draws guidance from how other industries address fear and mistake-making in education and training.

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Mary Medley holds the rank of Silver Life Master, is an American Contract Bridge League Club director, and has won regional and sectional titles.

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FICTION

A MINUTE TO MIDNIGHT
DAVID BALDACCI ’86

FBI agent Aisle Pine’s life was never the same after her twin sister, Mercy, was kidnapped—and likely killed—30 years ago. After a lifetime of torturous uncertainty, Pine’s unresolved anger finally gets the better of her on the job, and she finds she has to deal with the demons of her past if she wants to remain with the FBI.

Pine and her assistant, Carol Blum, head back to Pine’s rural hometown in Georgia to see what they can uncover about the traumatic night Mercy was taken and Pine was almost killed. But soon after Pine begins her investigation, a local woman is found ritualistically murdered, her face covered with a wedding veil—and the first killing is quickly followed by a second bizarre murder.

In a small town full of secrets—some of which could answer the questions that have plagued Pine her entire life—digging deeper into the past could be more dangerous than she realizes.

H. H. ASQUITH
Last of the Romans
MARK LESTER ’79
LEICESTER BOOKS

Lester chronicles the life of H. H. Asquith (1852-1938), the long-serving British prime minister between Lord Liverpool and Margaret Thatcher. In this study, the author argues that the key to understanding Asquith is to recognize the classical virtues he acquired early in his education.

Employing unpublished sources and documents made public since the last full-scale biography of Asquith was published more than 60