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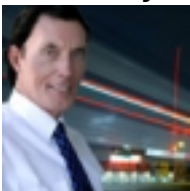
Geoffrey A. Fowler is an acclaimed journalist for The Wall Street Journal. He has covered developments involving e-commerce companies, Internet businesses and technology culture. He joined the San Francisco bureau of The Wall Street Journal after having been based in Hong Kong, where he wrote about marketing and the advertising industry. In this informative interview, Geoffrey discusses his reporting concerning California's Proposition 8, a ballot proposition passed in the November 4, 2008, general election that changed the state Constitution to restrict the definition of marriage to opposite-sex couples and eliminated same-sex couples' right to facing the California Supreme Court: should the court recognize the gay couples who married last year, when same-sex marriage was briefly legal? Within the next few weeks, the court is expected to issue a ruling on a petition to overturn Proposition 8. According to Geoffrey's reporting, legal scholars and even many gay-marriage advocates say the court will allow the ban to stay, because of respect for California's voter initiative process.

Stefanie Pintoff became the inaugural winner of the St. Martin's Minotaur/MWA Best First Crime Novel Award with her novel, *In the Shadow of Gotham*. The novel involves Detective Simon Ziele, who lost his fiancée in the General Slocum ferry disaster—a thousand perished on that summer day in 1904 when an onboard fire burned the boat down in the waters of the East River. Still reeling from the tragedy, Ziele transferred to a police department north of New York, to escape the city and all the memories it conjured. ??But only a few months into his new life in a quiet country town, he's faced with the most shocking homicide of his career to date: Young Sarah Wingate has been brutally murdered in her own bedroom in the middle of an otherwise calm and quiet winter afternoon. After just one day of investigation, Simon's contacted by Columbia University's noted criminologist Alistair Sinclair, who offers a startling claim about one of his patients, Michael Fromley—that the facts of the murder bear an uncanny resemblance to Fromley's deranged mutterings. But what would have led Fromley, with his history of violent behavior and brutal fantasies, to seek out Sarah, a notable mathematics student and a proper young lady who has little in common with his previous targets? Is Fromley really a murderer, or is someone mimicking him? This is what Simon Ziele must find out, with the help of the brilliant but self-interested Alistair Sinclair—before the killer strikes again.

Roger Clark is the founding member and managing partner of Clark, Goldberg & Madruga www.clarkgoldberg.com. In his more than 25 years practicing law, Roger has earned a national reputation as a successful trial attorney representing insurers, cable television providers, and small and large businesses in a broad range of business litigation matters. "My philosophy has always been that the attorneys in this law firm must be prepared not just to 'litigate' a case, but to try it before a judge or jury, while at the same time keeping the client's goals and objectives squarely within our sights." Roger is rated "AV" by Martindale-Hubbell, which is the highest rating that can be bestowed upon an attorney.

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