

**October 29, 2013**  
**Breakfast Keynote**  
**Robert Dugoni**



Robert Dugoni is the critically acclaimed and New York Times Best Selling Author of the David Sloane series, *The Jury Master*, *Wrongful Death*, *Bodily Harm Murder One* and *The Conviction*. He is also the author of the best-selling *Damage Control* and the nonfiction expose, *The Cyanide Canary*. Dugoni has been likened to Scott Turow and Nelson DeMille, and hailed as “the undisputed king of the legal thriller.” |

“I’m one of ten kids. My mother had little time to entertain us. “Read a book” she’d say, and she always had a ready supply for us to choose from. She obtained that supply on our excursions to the library Saturday mornings. As an adult, I realize the library was not only my mother’s source of books to keep us entertained, but also her place of respite. She would assemble us in the station wagon and drive us to the Burlingame branch. There, for a few hours, we’d entertain ourselves reading while she enjoyed the peace and quiet. Those excursions were magical for me and I loved everything about that library from the stained glass windows to the dusty card catalogues. I had no idea those excursions were the start of my love of story or that it would lead me to a career as a novelist.”