

## Lawyer Writes “Killer” Film

(NAPSA)—Following a theatrical release, “A Killer Within,” written by screenwriter and Texas attorney Chris Peirson, is now available on DVD. The film is a legal/police procedural whodunit thriller directed by Brad Keller.

C. Thomas Howell plays a successful lawyer who teams up with



his business partner (Ben Browder) and street-wise ex-cop (Giancarlo Esposito) to solve the brutal murder of Howell’s wife, played by Sean Young.

“I’m a big fan of John Grisham, *CSI* and *Murder She Wrote*,” said Peirson, who co-wrote the film with her son, William. “I wanted to combine elements of all three into one story.”

According to Peirson, the interplay between the lawyer and detective reflects the inherent tension in the criminal justice system. “The dynamic exists because a cop’s job is to gather evidence and a defense lawyer’s job is to throw it out.”

The film, which captures how complex legal issues affect criminal investigations, is drawing praise from law enforcement officials and lawyers for its authenticity. A homicide detective, who wishes to remain anonymous, said the film is the most accurate depiction of a criminal investigation she had ever seen, and one law professor asked to use it as a teaching tool.

“A Killer Within” is available at Blockbuster, Wal-Mart and online at Amazon.com.