

# Lawyers *with* Artistic License: Bryan K. Prosek

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A united Earth in the year 2200. Battles raging throughout the galaxy for a limited amount of hilaetite crystals which can either be used for good or evil. How will Earth deal with this fight? Can the hero, Jake, avenge his uncle's murder committed by Romalor, a man seeking the crystals for his own evil purpose? Will Jake win Diane's love? To find out if Jake can save the galaxy and get the girl, read *Earth United*, which is available for purchase on Amazon.com.

When his two now-teenage children, Luke and Lucy, were young, he would write for an hour or two after they and his wife, DeAnne, went to bed. First, Bryan plotted out the sci-fi novel's storyline; then over the course of the next four years, he filled in the characters and actions of the futuristic story, which later grew to be a 220-page novel. It then took him another year of on-and-off attempts to find a publisher; he ultimately landed with SynergEbooks. The publisher had him hire a sci-fi editor, who suggested rearrangement of some chapters and to "show the story, not tell it."

The creator of this sci-fi world is business attorney and Steptoe & Johnson law partner, Bryan K. Prosek. However, nothing in Bryan's upbringing or occupation would lead anyone to guess at his vivid imagination and ability to create futuristic worlds at war and at play.

After reworking and rewriting, the novel was published. Bryan then sought out reviewers for his manuscript so the positive reviews could be added to the book's back cover and, later, its website. After the book's publication in 2013, Bryan found that the real work began in arranging book signings

He grew up near Coshocton, with a homemaker mother and a high school administrator/coach father. He was a typical athletic student who ran cross-country and track, and played basketball. Bryan is a double Buckeye, with an undergraduate degree in Accounting. He says that by the age of 9, he had decided, without any role model in his family or community, that he wanted to be a business attorney when he grew up.

Surprisingly, Bryan does not spend time reading novels, although he does enjoy listening to books on tape while commuting between downtown and his home in Blacklick. This novelist says that he has always had a great imagination, and even as a child he would amuse himself for hours by creating and then playing out space adventures.

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and promotions. But, he only had so much time available to devote to this hobby, since he was busy with his family, law practice, coaching his home-schooled kids' soccer teams, playing pick-up basketball in the early mornings at the YMCA and coaching in his Nazarene Church's basketball program.

Bryan would love to publish more sci-fi novels. He has begun creating the plotline for a sequel to *Earth United*, while also working on the storyline for a third earth-based sci-fi novel. He fantasizes that someday he could write sci-fi full time, continuing his creation of futuristic worlds.



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