

## MINDS EYE ENTERTAINMENT LEGAL DRAMA SERIES *Just Cause* EARNS EIGHT LEO AWARD NOMINATIONS

*Nominations include Best Dramatic Series and Best Director*

**April 23, 2003 – (Regina, SK) Minds Eye Entertainment** (formerly Minds Eye Pictures), Western Canada's largest independent film and television production company have announced that its Vancouver-filmed legal series ***Just Cause***, has earned eight Leo Award nominations. The Leo Awards celebrate excellence in film and television in British Columbia. A co-production of Saskatchewan and British Columbia, ***Just Cause*** currently broadcasts in Canada on **W Network** and **PAX** in the U.S on **Tuesdays at 9pm ET**.

"We are delighted that ***Just Cause*** has been honoured with so many nominations in its first season," says ***Just Cause*** producer Rhonda Baker. "With so many long running television series filming in Vancouver, we are just pleased to be in such stellar company."

The nominees are:

- Best Dramatic Series: Vladimir Steffoff
- Best Director in a Dramatic Series: Helen Shaver, Episode: Death's Details
- Best Guest Performance in a Dramatic Series - Male: Michael Moriarty, Episode: Death's Details
- Best Guest Performance in a Dramatic Series – Female: Gabrielle Rose, Episode: The Last to Know
- Best Picture Editing in a Dramatic Series: Lisa Robison, Episode: Bet Your Life; Richard Schwadel, Episode: Above the Law
- Best Musical Score in a Dramatic Series: James Jandrisch and Dan Seguin, Episode: The Pilot
- Best Production Design in a Dramatic Series: Rex Raglan, Episode: Death's Details.

Hailed as "the next best thing to Erin Brockovich" by the Los Angeles Daily News, ***Just Cause*** stars Lisa Lackey (*John Doe, Far and Away*) as Alexandra DeMonaco, a wrongly convicted young mother turned legal eagle. When paroled from prison, she lands a job as a legal assistant to a respected civil lawyer Hamilton Whitney (Richard Thomas – *The Waltons, Wonder Boys*). With their help, Alex uses her new skills to champion underdog cases, clear her name and search for her missing daughter. Filled with suspense, mystery, true grit and good humour, ***Just Cause*** was created by Jacqueline Zambrano, creator of the Emmy award winning *Gabriel's Fire* with James Earl Jones and Gail Morgan Hickman, creator of *The Sentinel* and *The Enforcer*.

***Just Cause*** is produced by Rhonda Baker and Vladimir Steffoff and is executive produced by **Minds Eye Entertainment** C.E.O and President Kevin DeWalt and Jacqueline Zambrano.

Established in 1986, **Minds Eye Entertainment** (formerly Minds Eye Pictures) is a fully integrated production, post-production and distribution entity with offices across Canada. As Western Canada's largest independent film and television production company, **Minds Eye Entertainment** is currently in production with the feature film *Whitecoats* with Dave Thomas; season one of the legal drama series ***Just Cause*** (**W Network, PAX TV**) with Richard Thomas; *Falling Angels* with Miranda Richardson and recently completed the television movie *Betrayed* (CBC), season two of *2030CE* (YTV, Showtime Family), season four of *Mentors* (Family Channel), and season two of *Prairie Berry Pie* (APTN). The Company website is [www.mindseyepictures.com](http://www.mindseyepictures.com).

**W Network** is owned by CORUS ENTERTAINMENT, a Canadian-based media and entertainment company. Corus is a market leader in both specialty TV and Radio. Corus' assets include 52 radio stations, four of Canada's leading specialty television networks, Canada's western pay-TV business and five digital channels. Corus also owns Nelvana Limited, one of the world's largest international producers and distributors of children's programming and products. The company's other interests include music, television broadcasting and advertising services. A publicly traded company, Corus is listed on the Toronto (CJR.B) and New York (CJR) Exchanges. Corus' Web site can be found at [www.corusentertainment.com](http://www.corusentertainment.com).

**PAXson Communications Corporation** owns and operates the nation's largest television station group and **PAX TV**, the newest broadcast television network that launched in August of 1998. **PAX TV** reaches 87% of U.S. television households via nationwide broadcast television, cable and satellite distribution systems. **PAXson** owns

and operates 65 stations (including three stations operated under time brokerage agreements). **PAX TV's** new fall 2002 lineup includes "*It's A Miracle*," "*Candid Camera*" and "*Doc*," starring recording artist Billy Ray Cyrus and will premiere additional original series including, "*Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye*," starring Deanne Bray, and "***Just Cause***" starring Elizabeth Lackey and Richard Thomas. For more information, visit **PAX TV's** website at [www.pax.tv](http://www.pax.tv).

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