

Preface

Criminal law and criminal procedure are the core of all criminal justice programs. Unlike other texts on this topic, this book is written with the student, the instructor, and the criminal justice professional in mind. The author has extensive experience not only in teaching the topic, but also in living it. As an assistant district attorney in a major city, the author handled all types of cases from misdemeanors to murder trials. He brings his extensive knowledge of the topic to bear on each issue in this text. *Criminal Law: An Introduction for Criminal Justice Professionals*, 2nd ed., is the first part of a two-part project. *Criminal Procedure: An Introduction for Criminal Justice Professionals*, 2nd ed., focuses on arrest, constitutional issues in criminal cases, trial, and sentencing.

The book provides a balance between theoretical discussions and practical, down-to-earth examples of law in action at every phase of a criminal proceeding. It emphasizes the practical aspects of criminal law while providing examples via scenarios and real-life cases. Each area of crime is presented and explored, with special emphasis placed on how the offenses are proved in a criminal trial.

FEATURES OF THE TEXTBOOK

This revised second edition, which now focuses solely on criminal law, includes the following topics:

- New chapters on the social and psychological bases of crime, as well as organized crime and an expanded exploration of white-collar crime
- Chapter objectives that are stated clearly and succinctly
- Terms and legal vocabulary set out in bold in the body of the text and defined immediately in the margin for ease of student comprehension
- Figures and tables to illustrate crucial points, designed to capitalize on different learning styles among students
- Scenarios to help students develop their understanding of the material
- Excerpts from seminal or otherwise noteworthy appellate cases

- End-of-chapter questions, activities, and assignments to hone students' understanding
- Websites for further research and/or discussion

Instructor resources to accompany this text include a comprehensive Instructor's Manual, Test Bank, and Microsoft PowerPoint slides. All these materials are available for download at AspenPublishing.com.