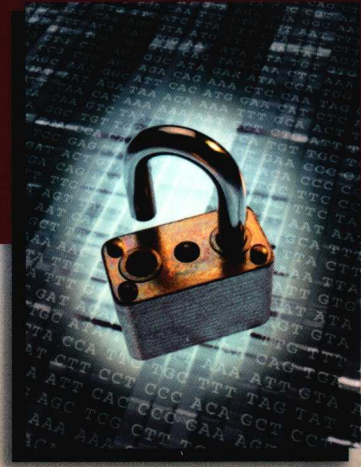


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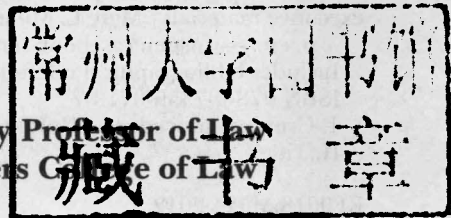
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Preface

The American criminal justice system is huge, complex, and varied. Federal, state, and local governments together spend over \$200 billion each year on policing, prosecution, trial, and punishment. Well over 2.3 million persons are incarcerated in federal and state prisons, and state and local jails, in the United States at any one time. Another 5 million are on probation or parole.

There are almost 18,000 separate police agencies in the United States, with around 800,000 sworn officers. There are even more “private police” and security agents. In an average year, these officers and agents make more than 14 million arrests.

Criminal cases are prosecuted by more than 2,400 prosecutors’ offices, employing about 35,000 attorneys and more than 50,000 additional staff. They obtain about 1 million felony convictions every year, and even more misdemeanor convictions. Thousands of attorneys work as public defenders or as defense counsel in private practice. Thousands of judges hear cases in trial and appellate courts. Lawyers often find their first jobs in the criminal justice system. Some stay for life.

Criminal procedure is the body of law governing this collection of systems. The law of criminal procedure directs—or at least attempts to direct—the actions of police officers, prosecutors, defense attorneys, judges, and other government officials. Criminal procedure limits the way the government may interact with citizens, suspects, defendants, convicted offenders, and victims.

The federal government, every state government, and many local governments operate criminal justice systems. They all spend time, effort, and money each year running and reshaping their respective systems. Although the federal system is one of the largest systems standing alone, the state and local systems collectively are much larger. Virtually all misdemeanors are processed in state courts, along with almost 95 percent of all felony convictions. Criminal justice in the United States is overwhelmingly a state and local function.

There is no one criminal procedure: Each system follows its own set of rules, controlled to different degrees by outside authorities. Procedural rules come from many sources, including constitutions, legislatures, courts, and executive branch agencies. Because the issues of criminal procedure are common and accessible — unlike, say, antitrust law — a wealth of less formal constraints, including community views and the media, also shape procedure. We have titled this casebook “Criminal Procedures” to reflect these multiple layers and sources of law.

The Approach in This Casebook

A criminal procedure casebook must impose some order on the morass of cases, rules, and practices that characterize criminal justice systems. One accepted way to make this material accessible for newcomers is to focus on the role of one important institution, the United States Supreme Court, and on one important source of law, the United States Constitution.

Since the days of the Warren Court, starting in 1953, the Supreme Court has influenced criminal justice systems in profound ways. It made the Bill of Rights in the federal Constitution a shaping force for every criminal justice system. The Warren Court made the story of criminal procedure, told from the point of view of the Supreme Court, compelling. The main topics of controversy were police practices: stops, searches, and interrogations. Other decisions of the Court created a basic framework for providing defendants with counsel and for conducting criminal trials. For years, the focus on the Supreme Court’s constitutional rulings guided students through the questions that most concerned judges and lawyers.

But the story of this one institution offers less explanatory power as time passes. Traditional issues on the Court’s constitutional criminal procedure docket now occupy less of the attention of judges, attorneys, defendants, victims, and others concerned with criminal justice. Most criminal defendants do not go to trial. These defendants and their lawyers care about pretrial detention, the charges filed, the plea agreements they can reach with the prosecutor, and their sentences.

The central questions have shifted in light of changes in the workload, politics, funding, and structure of criminal justice institutions. For example, the question of *whether* indigent defendants will get counsel has become a question of what counsel they will get. For judges, sentencing questions in particular have attained higher priority: Determining the proper sentence in some systems now requires more time from court personnel than resolution of guilt or innocence.

The U.S. Supreme Court leaves important dimensions of most procedural issues unresolved and thus leaves other institutions free to innovate; they have done so. The issues of current importance in criminal procedure are being shaped in multiple institutions, including state courts, legislatures, and executive branch agencies.

This book adopts a panoramic view of criminal procedure, emphasizing the interaction among, and variety within, criminal justice systems. In our opinion, students in an upper-level course such as criminal procedure can and should move beyond the skills of case synthesis and beyond the ability to appreciate the role of only one institution. Our materials emphasize the following themes and objectives:

- *Procedural variety.* In each area we present competing rules from the federal and state systems. We also occasionally examine procedures from earlier

times or from non-U.S. systems. Reviewing different possible procedural rules encourages critical analysis and helps identify the assumptions held and judgments made in the design of each criminal system.

- *Materials from multiple institutions.* In addition to leading U.S. Supreme Court cases, we make extensive use of state high court cases, statutes, rules of procedure, and police and prosecutorial policies, and we encourage readers to consider the interactions among multiple institutions. Examining the efforts of different institutions to achieve similar goals highlights the reality of procedural innovation and reform.
- *Real-world perspective.* We focus on procedures and issues of current importance to defendants, lawyers, courts, legislators, and the public. We devote the most attention to the issues arising in the largest number of cases.
- *Street-level federalism.* Federal law, typically in the form of constitutional decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court, still plays an important role in guiding the prosecution of high-volume street crimes. The interactions of police with citizens and suspects form the workaday setting for issues of criminal justice. The impact of abstract constitutional doctrine on these daily interactions raises important theoretical questions about federal-state relations and interactions among jurisdictions and governmental institutions.
- *Political context.* Materials trace the political environment surrounding different institutions and issues. We explore the impact of public concerns such as terrorism, drug trafficking, domestic abuse, and treatment of crime victims on procedural rules. Funding decisions with regard to criminal justice systems also offer a window into the political setting.
- *Impact of procedures.* We consider the effects that different procedures have on law enforcers, lawyers, courts, communities, defendants, and victims. We emphasize primary materials but include social science studies as well, especially when they have been the basis for procedural reform. This perspective keeps in mind the managerial needs of criminal justice: Any legal rule must apply to multitudes of defendants in overcrowded systems.

By studying the various ways in which state and local systems have answered crucial procedural questions, students become aware of a broader range of policy alternatives. They form a more complete picture of the complex and interactive workings of the criminal justice system. Our goal in emphasizing the variety within criminal procedure is to produce lawyers who know both the current law and the way to shape better law down the road.

Conceptual Anchors

Our emphasis on variety does not mean that we will survey the practices of all 50 states on each issue; this casebook is not a treatise. Rather, the materials highlight the majority and minority views on each topic, as well as the federal view. The major positions on a topic are usually summarized in the first note following the principal materials. Truly distinctive answers to problems are mentioned occasionally as a point of comparison with the leading approach, but the uniqueness of the position is always highlighted.

The book addresses a wide range of U.S. Supreme Court precedents, including the recognized core of essential cases and many of the most recent important

decisions. State supreme court decisions summarizing and critiquing a U.S. Supreme Court decision, or a line of cases, represent effective teaching tools since the state cases tend to highlight the competing doctrinal positions. State supreme court opinions by and large show less interest in the positions of individual justices than do U.S. Supreme Court decisions and devote less attention to questions about consistency with past decisions. State supreme court opinions often provide provocative settings that show how principles operate in practice. They tend to present succinctly the textual and institutional arguments favoring a procedural requirement, the values furthered by the rules, and their likely effects on police, suspects, and communities.

Studying a variety of possible answers to important procedural questions has an unexpected effect: through criticism and contrast it provides students with a firmer grasp of the federal approach, including current federal constitutional criminal procedure, than does presentation of federal law alone. Students become better equipped to understand what is truly important about the current norms. Short “problems” throughout the book also enable readers to apply and integrate basic concepts.

The state cases appearing in this book take every conceivable position with respect to Supreme Court precedent, ranging from total agreement to complete rejection, and encompassing subtle variations in interpretation and emphasis. For a large number of state cases that focus on state constitutional or statutory questions, the position of the U.S. Supreme Court is simply irrelevant. The case selection does not favor decisions merely because they reject the U.S. Supreme Court view — the “new federalism” approach. These materials are not a battle cry for state court independence; they simply reflect the vibrancy of state supreme courts and state law.

The Fourth Edition

The fourth edition of this book is a response to changes in the field, incorporating emerging themes and major issues. Such themes and issues — the turning points in the law — result at least as often from dramatic events outside the courtroom as from blockbuster judicial decisions. Such dramatic and unexpected “drivers” of change in criminal procedure over the years since the first edition of this book appeared include increasing attention to issues of race and the “innocence” projects that have revealed strings of wrongful convictions. The fourth edition continues to explore the legal echoes within domestic criminal procedure of the attacks on September 11, 2001, and the ongoing war on terrorism.

We have made changes in every chapter. Some of those changes reflect actual shifts in doctrine, while others are the result of suggestions by teachers and students about cases and materials that worked well in the classroom, and others that might be improved.

Our attention to developments in the states provides a large pool of new cases, statutes, and rules to draw from, keeping the discussion anchored to current reality in criminal justice. For example, many of the cases in this book were decided after 2000. Recent federal developments also find their place in these pages. Significant U.S. Supreme Court cases added to this edition include *Rothgery v. Gillespie County*, *Vermont v. Brillon*, and *Padilla v. Kentucky*.

The overall goal of these changes has been to produce a book that remains fresh and engaging.

Criminal Procedure Courses

This book covers the full spectrum of procedural issues that receive treatment in a “Criminal Procedure II” or “bail to jail” course. This law school course focuses on the regulation of prosecutors, defense counsel, and courts before and during trial. Chapters One through Five examine procedural issues before trial, including the provision of defense counsel, while Chapters Six through Eight explore adjudication of guilt through both the most common method (the plea bargain) and the most prominent one (the trial). Some survey or advanced courses include an introduction to the new law of sentencing and the procedures governing appeals and collateral review of convictions. Chapters Nine and Ten provide a relatively brief introduction to these issues.

The materials throughout this volume address interrelated themes; criminal procedure is a relatively coherent field. It is not necessary, however, to study the materials on police practices before those on adjudication, for example. Within each course, the teacher can approach topics from a variety of perspectives and using a number of different doctrinal starting points. Students should not be surprised if their professor presents the chapters in an order different from the one we have used or adds chapters, cases, or other materials to the course.

Procedure, Politics, and Reform

This book reminds readers regularly about the political environment shaping the work of every institutional actor in criminal justice. The materials consider the changing political priorities that make enforcement especially urgent for certain criminal laws—those punishing drug trafficking, environmental crimes, and sexual assault, to name a few. Such high-priority enforcement efforts influence criminal procedure more generally. Terrorism is the newest and most tragic law enforcement priority, and we consider the potential impact of new approaches and doctrines aimed at terrorists on domestic criminal procedure and the implications for more typical crimes.

The theme of jurisdictional and institutional variation draws critical attention to the role of states, whose systems handle 94 percent of the felonies prosecuted in the United States. But while the federal and state systems are the most appropriate levels at which to consider constitutional and statutory constraints, the local level is the true locus of criminal justice power. It is also the place where criminal justice systems in the United States engage most citizens. There are roughly 3,000 counties in the United States, including 254 in Texas and 168 in Georgia.

The local foundations of discretionary power in U.S. criminal justice systems are reflected in the funding for those systems. Just over half of all criminal justice funding comes from the local level, just over 30 percent from the state level, and just under 20 percent from the federal level. But funding is not spread evenly across system components. Police services are primarily funded at the local level, prisons are funded at the state level, and the costs of prosecution and adjudication are funded primarily at both the local and state levels. There has been much legal and public

debate over the 30-year expansion in the federal prosecution of what traditionally would have been local drug offenses; today, immigration and drug crimes dominate the federal criminal docket, although the federal courts do continue to handle traditional areas of federal interest such as bank robbery and large-scale fraud.

Students who appreciate the handful of basic political struggles that time and again shape procedural debates will be better able to direct changes in the system and to influence decisions in close cases. The struggles center on questions such as these: What are the purposes of the criminal justice system? In particular, what is the relevance of criminal law and procedure to the social goals of crime control and prevention? How does the theory and practice of federalism inform criminal justice theory and practice? How vital is the adversary system and the role of defense counsel to the success of that system? Are we comfortable with the broad discretion exercised on a daily basis by police and prosecutors? How important is it to treat suspects similarly? Should we explicitly consider the costs of procedures?

The priorities inherent in this textbook suggest a return to the study of criminal procedure as a genuine procedure course, not a course in constitutional adjudication. The constitutional component remains an indispensable part of the course but is not the sum total of criminal procedure.

The return to a fuller conception of criminal procedure offers enormous opportunities to those who study the system and to those who will soon participate in its operation and evolution. When many institutions are able to shape a legal system, there are many opportunities for change. We hope each student will leave this course with a sense of the drama and the special challenges of each case and of the entire process. We hope each student will finish school ready to create procedures more sound than those that exist today.

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