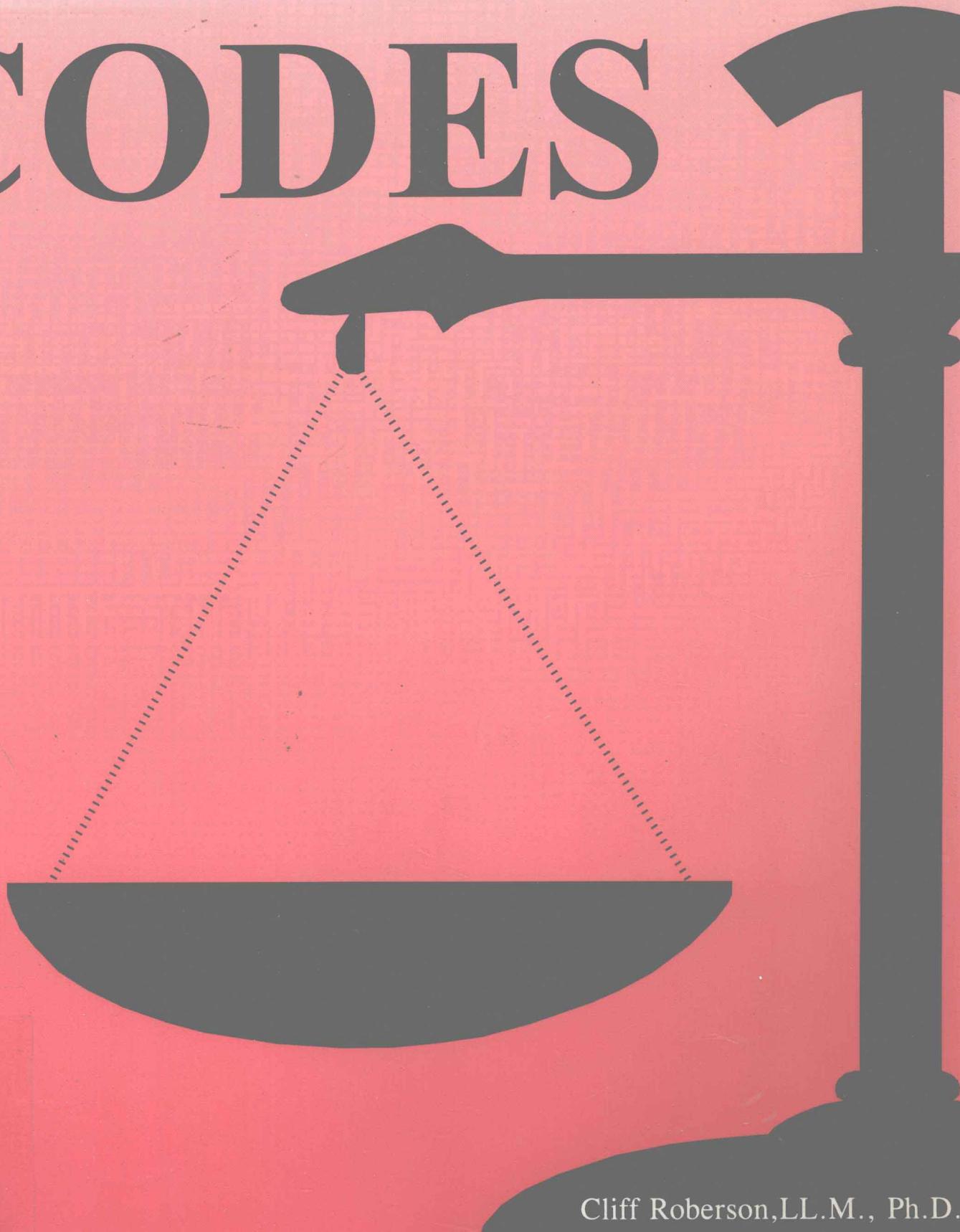


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## **PREFACE**

*Whatever views one holds about the penal law, no one will question its importance in society. This is the law on which men place their ultimate reliance for protection against all the deepest injuries that human conduct can inflict on individuals and institutions.*

Wechsler

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The study of criminal law should not be considered as the memorization of a set of rules, but as an examination of a cluster of ideas, principles, concepts, and questions about human conduct and the control of human behavior. Criminal law should be viewed as a flexible system of values and principles about which reasonable people can and do disagree (Katkin, *The Nature of Criminal Law*)

This text has several goals: (1) to provide a comprehensive review of California criminal law, (2) to aid the students in understanding what conduct constitutes criminal behavior, and (3) to provide a reference for the administration of justice personnel. All texts are biased to some degree. In many cases, the biases are unintentional and are caused by the author's background and frame of reference. This text may have a "conviction" bias, in that it is written from a law enforcement viewpoint based on the author's background. Despite this bias, there is still included a deep respect for the individual rights of all persons.

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