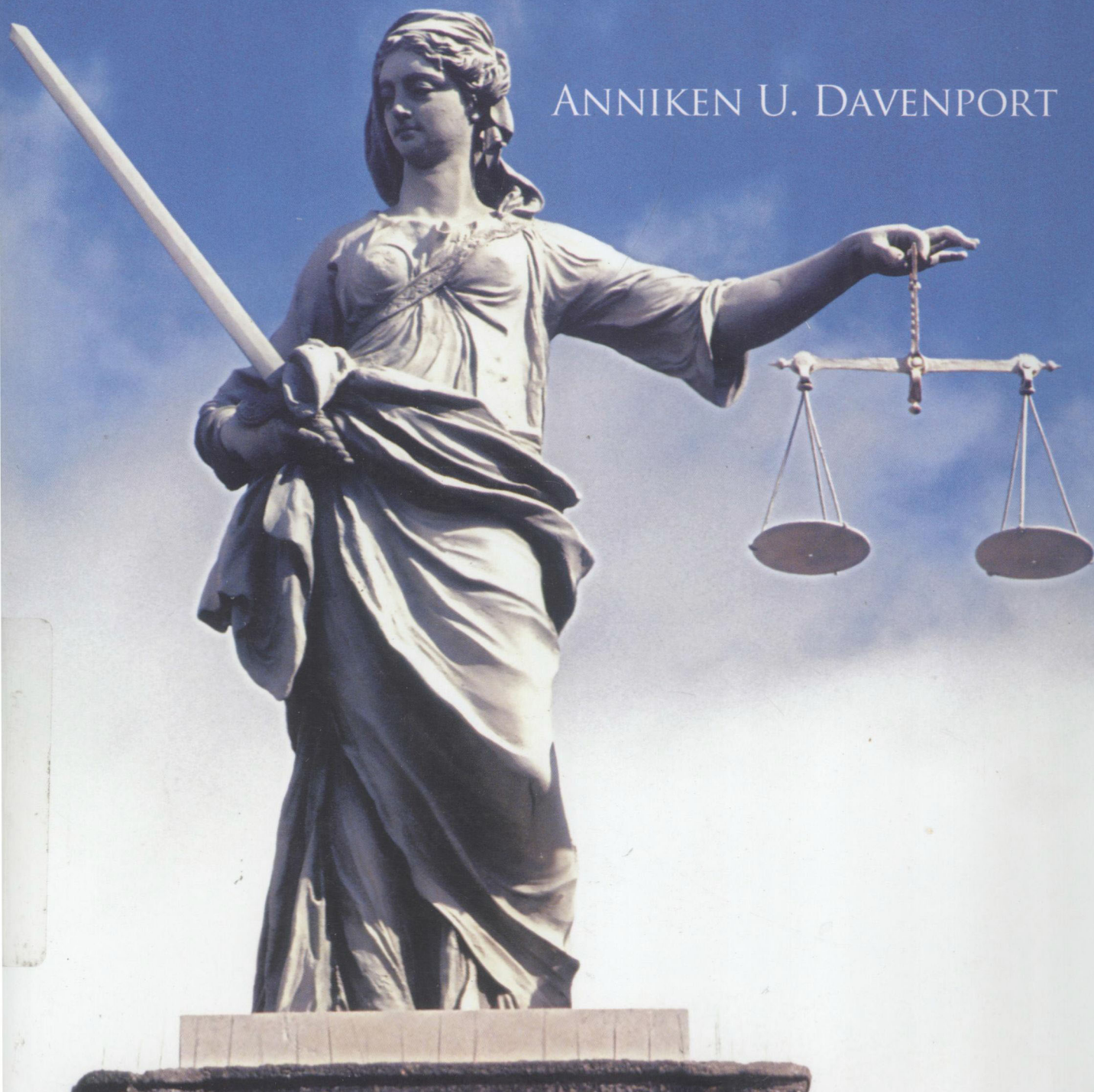


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Preface

Ask any American his or her view of the justice system and you will receive a lengthy, passionate answer deeply rooted in that person's social, political, and legal experience. You will hear stories of police heroism or corruption, wise judicial decisions or ridiculous ones, an opinion of the Supreme Court based on news stories, but almost never actual court decisions. A quick glance at television listings shows that Americans are fascinated by the inner workings of the law from cops and robbers to prosecutors and defenders. That fascination leads hundreds of thousands of students to pursue careers in the American justice system. The third edition of *Basic Criminal Law* attempts to put flesh to the bones of the amorphous concept of the American justice system each of us carries in our minds.

For those pursuing careers as legal professionals, *Basic Criminal Law*, third edition, provides a comprehensive, organized approach to understanding key legal concepts and to developing real-world skills students will need when they enter the workforce.

Third Edition Tools

Like the second edition, the third edition uses a “crimes first, procedure second” approach to criminal law. We have retained and updated the popular **“You Make the Call”** sections to spur lively classroom discussions. Additionally, we have also revised the **“Historical Highlights”** that appear throughout the book. These highlights illustrate pivotal events in American legal history, events that remain influential today and continue to inform legal and public debate. The “highlights” provide students with a historical context and provide a legal cultural literacy necessary for legal professionals to succeed.

The third edition contains many new additions to enhance both the teaching and learning experience, including:

- **Evidence concepts for each crime chapter** show how prosecutors, police, paralegals, defense attorneys, and other criminal justice professionals can use the rapidly changing technologies in court
- **Expanded sections on defenses to crimes**
- **An entirely new chapter on sex crimes** reflects the growing complexity and prevalence of such cases in the criminal justice system
- **An all new appeals section** walks legal and criminal justice professionals through the appeals process
- **Expanded use of examples** illustrate each key learning concept
- **More state statute examples** show how individual states handle crimes
- **An increased emphasis on procedure** provides legal and criminal justice professionals the key skills they will need in the workplace
- **More charts and diagrams** show key trends in the field

- **New hands-on case portfolio-building applications** allow legal and criminal justice professionals to build their skills. Students who complete the end-of-chapter materials will have a portfolio they can present to prospective employers that illustrates their research and analysis skills and serves as a valuable personal reference guide as they begin their careers

New Concept Reinforcement and Skill Building End-of-Chapter Exercises

The third edition's end-of-chapter material has been completely revamped to focus on key concepts and their application. The material begins with a **Concept Review and Reinforcement** section that focuses the student on the chapter's key concepts. Next, a **Key Terms** section provides a list of critical terms used in the chapter. **Concept Review Questions**, simple questions meant to confirm that students understand the major concepts in the chapter, provide the grounding the student will need to tackle the **Building Your Professional Skills** section. Here students will encounter two to three **Case Applications** per chapter that illustrate the chapter's most important concepts. **Critical-Thinking Exercises** follow where students confront at least one hypothetical situation for each learning objective and critical variations discussed in the chapter. Finally, a **Portfolio Building** section features hands-on exercises that walk the student through creating a document, simulating what the paralegal will do in a law office.

Basic Criminal Law, third edition, is designed to provide legal professionals with a thorough grounding in criminal law, its history, how it is practiced today, and what trends will take it into the future. The third edition's new features allow students to get the hands-on experience and develop the key skills necessary to enter the legal profession ready to perform on day one.

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The test generator allows you to generate quizzes and tests composed of questions from the Test Item File, modify them, and add your own.

PowerPoint Lecture Presentation

The PowerPoint Lecture Presentation includes key concept screens and exhibits from the textbook.

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Looking for robust online content to reinforce and enhance your students' learning? CourseConnect courses contain customizable modules of content mapped to major learning outcomes. Each learning object contains interactive tutorials, rich media, discussion questions, MP3 downloadable lectures, assessments, and interactive activities that address different learning styles. CourseConnect courses follow a consistent twenty-one-step instructional design process, yet each course is developed individually by instructional designers and instructors who have taught the course online. Test questions, created by assessment professionals, were developed at all levels of Blooms Taxonomy. When you adopt a CourseConnect course, you purchase a complete package that provides you with detailed documentation you can use for your accreditation reviews. CourseConnect courses can be delivered in any commercial platform such as WebCT, BlackBoard, Angel, Moodle, or eCollege. For more information contact your representative or call 800-635-1579.

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