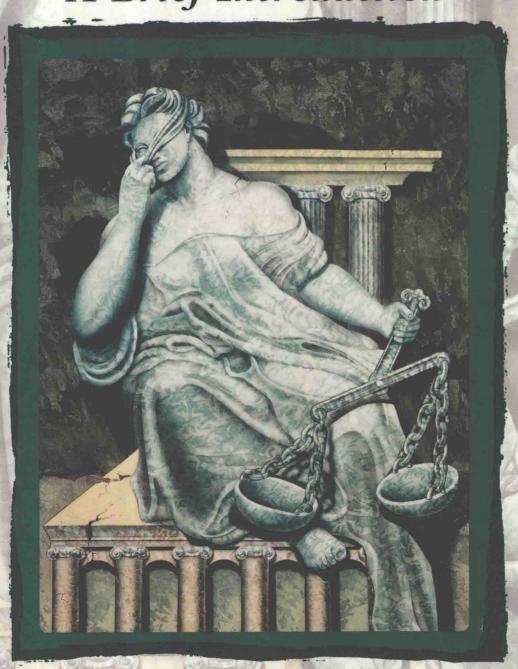
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Preface

Criminal justice is a dynamic and fluid field of study. Ever changing crime statistics, newsworthy events involving American law enforcement, precedent-setting U.S. Supreme Court decisions, and rapidly breaking innovations in correctional practice all challenge professors and students alike to keep pace with a field undergoing constant modification.

As the floodgates to the twenty-first century open and accelerated change engulfs American society, it is appropriate that a streamlined and up-to-date book such as this should be in the hands of students. The "information age" is here, and the quick dissemination of information has become a vital part of contemporary life. *Criminal Justice: A Brief Introduction* results from the realization that today's justice students need to have the latest information available to them in a concise and affordable source. The paperback format of this book has made it possible to quickly translate the latest happenings in the justice field into a pragmatic textbook that is both inexpensive and easy to read.

No doubt new technologies will facilitate even faster information transfer in the near future. Many of them—including online data retrieval, electronic updates, computer publishing, and the Internet's World Wide Web—are already at work behind the scenes in the molding of *Criminal Justice: A Brief Introduction*. Appropriately, this book is also supported by a dedicated World Wide Web site of its own, which provides students and instructors with the latest breaking news in the justice field and with links to other in-depth learning resources. The site can be accessed at http://www.prenhall.com/cjcentral.

Criminal Justice: A Brief Introduction focuses directly on the crime picture in America and the three traditional elements of the criminal justice system: police, courts, and corrections. The text is enhanced by the addition of career boxes that can assist today's pragmatically minded students in making appropriate career choices. Photographs, charts, graphs, and other visual aids help keep student attention and add variety to the text. "Twenty-First Century" boxes, which are placed strategically throughout the book, draw attention to the many exciting possibilities facing the justice system as it enters the new millennium.

As the author of numerous texts on the criminal justice system, I have often been amazed at how the end result of the justice process is sometimes barely recognizable to anyone involved in the process as "justice" in any practical sense of the word. It is my sincere hope that the technological and publishing revolutions now upon us will combine with a growing social awareness to facilitate needed changes in our system—supplanting what have at times appeared as self-serving, system-perpetuated injustices with new standards of equity, compassion, understanding, fairness, and heartfelt justice for all.

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Anyone using this book is encouraged to visit the award-winning *Criminal Justice:* A Brief Introduction site on the World Wide Web that supports it. The site provides a broad range of materials of relevance to the study of criminal justice and has links to many other criminal justice–related sites. If you have a personal computer, a modem, an Internet account, and Web browser software, you can easily access the *Criminal Justice:* A Brief Introduction home page. Point your Web browser at http://www.prenhall.com/cjcentral and get ready for a cyberspace excursion through the halls of *Criminal Justice* online!



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Schmalleger's philosophy of both teaching and writing can be summed up in these words: "In order to communicate knowledge we must first catch, then hold, a person's interest—be it student, colleague, or policymaker. Our writing, our speaking, and our teaching must be relevant to the problems facing people today, and they must—in some way—help solve those problems."



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Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

-MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The freedom to die before you're a teenager is not the freedom Martin Luther King lived and died for. We have to make our people whole again.

-PRESIDENT CLINTON

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