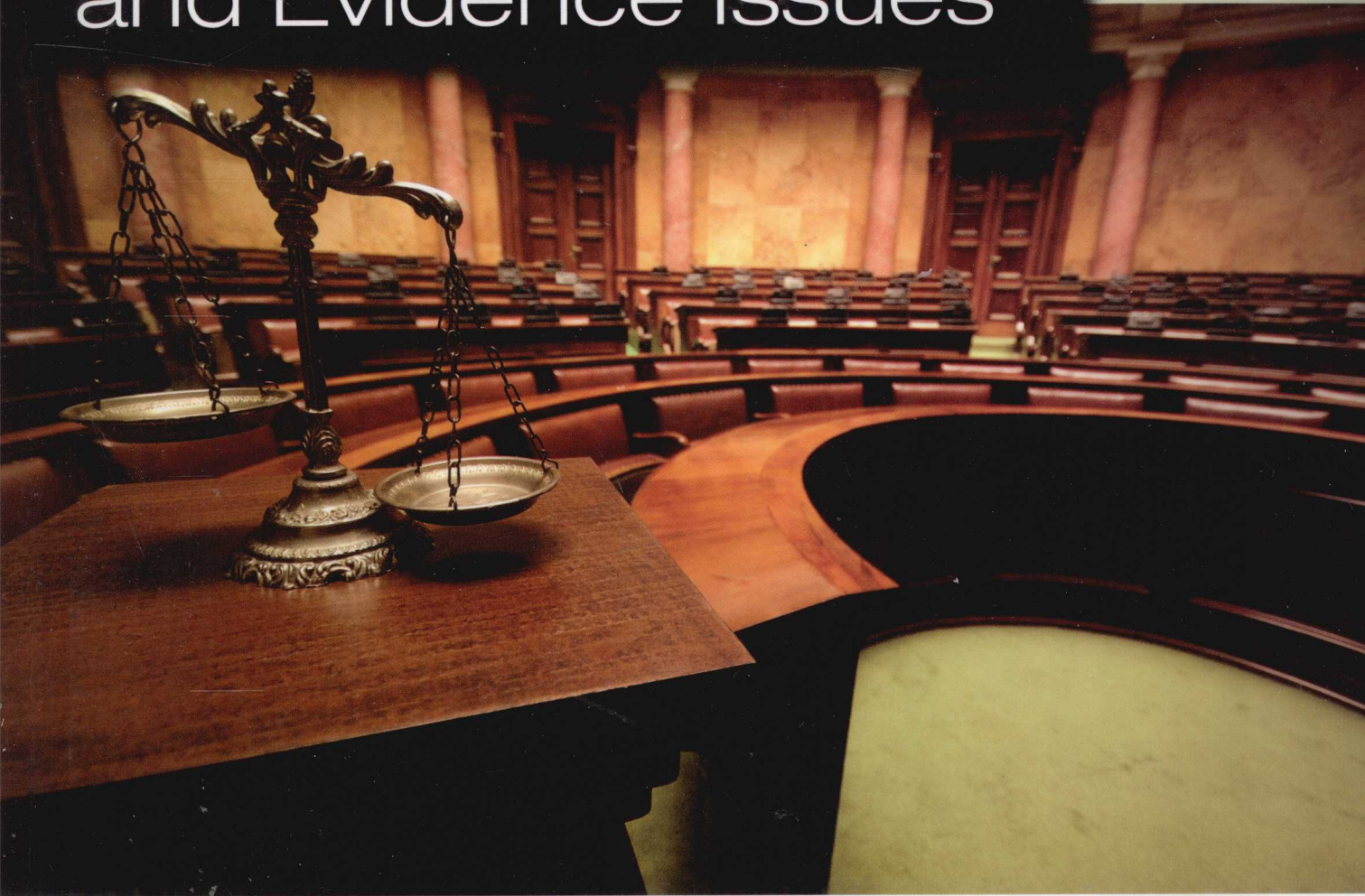


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Preface

Court procedure and judicial process courses are offered in nearly every criminal justice program in the United States. Many of these courses combine aspects of court procedure along with an overview of evidentiary issues. However, the texts available for these courses generally take a theoretical approach rather than addressing practical concerns and procedures of the various phases of a criminal case. This text, written by an attorney with extensive trial and classroom experience, seeks to address that deficit. In *Court Procedure and Evidence Issues*, the author explores the details of the judicial process, explaining the various phases of a criminal prosecution in a clear and often entertaining style. 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. The text emphasizes the practical aspects of criminal procedure and evidentiary issues and provides real-world examples, while still discussing the theoretical and academic bases of trial procedures

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- Instructor resources to accompany the text
- Links to helpful websites and updates

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Instructor resources to accompany this text include a comprehensive Instructor’s Manual, Test Bank, and PowerPoint slides. All of these materials are available on a CD-ROM or for download from our companion website.

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