

**A**n *Introduction to Criminal Law* aims to transmit substantive law and its elemental components in a simplistic and practical manner. Criminal justice students often express frustration concerning the general presentations of criminal law textbooks. Primarily written for law school studies, most criminal law textbooks are rich in legalese and far surpass the fundamental underpinnings required of criminal justice professionals. The unfortunate result is that those most responsible for the law's enforcement often become entrenched in a continuous struggle to decipher legalistic presentations.

Because most criminal law textbooks are authored by attorneys, they often fail to simplify the language and approach of criminal law. Although their methods appear quite successful for preparing future lawyers, their pedagogical “learn it on your own” approach tends to confuse and frustrate professionally oriented students attracted to criminal justice programs. Criminal justice students, much like those of other occupations, learn best from practical, hands-on exercises. Through the collaboration of two nonattorneys with an attorney, *An Introduction to*

*Criminal Law* abandons the case approach while retaining all comprehensive principles of substantive law. *An Introduction to Criminal Law* “holds the hand” of students while walking them through a chronological and simplistic (yet detailed) dissection of the legal labyrinth.

*An Introduction to Criminal Law* is a gift to students who aspire to master the complexities of substantive law. Legal jargon is unavoidable, but clarification is added when the meaning of language is evasive. Offering students the opportunity to test emerging knowledge of the law, each chapter presents opportunities for critical thought and practice test scenarios. With *An Introduction to Criminal Law*, current and future employment duties related to substantive law are made simple.

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## Ancillary Materials

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A comprehensive set of instructor's materials, including PowerPoint Presentations and a TestBank are available online.