

CRIMINAL LAW

Understand and Defend Your Criminal Case

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1. SELF HELP

Citebook [KF 9731 .Z9 D37](#) (Ref Desk)

A compilation of citations to case law that has been used to support criminal defendants' and prisoners' appeals and complaints.

How to Seal Your Juvenile & Criminal Records in California [KFC 1194 .Z9 S53](#)

(Self Help)

This book provides you with the legal remedies to clean up your past, including forms and instructions.

Manual on Divorce Issues for People in California Prisons and Jails

[KFC 1181 .5 .M36](#) (Self Help)

This manual was created for California prisoners and is intended to provide basic information about California's divorce laws, and basic instructions on how to obtain a divorce without an attorney.

Electronic Access: <http://www.prisonerswithchildren.org/pubs/divorce.pdf>

The Criminal Law Handbook: Know Your Rights, Survive the System

[KF 9619 .6 .B47](#) (Self Help)

This book answers your questions about every part of a criminal case in an easy to understand manner. It covers arrests, booking, preliminary hearings, arraignment, search and seizure, trials, sentencing, and more.

The Criminal Records Manual: Criminal Records In America: A Complete Guide to Legal, Ethical, and Public Policy Issues and Restrictions [KF 9751 H56](#) (Ref Desk)

Describes the legal access, availability, and use of criminal records for all 50 states.

2. LEGAL ENCYCLOPEDIAS and LAW SUMMARIES

California Jurisprudence 3d (Cal Jur) [KFC 80 .C35](#) (Ready Reference)

Volumes 17 through 22C contain the Criminal Law chapters. Other relevant chapters in this encyclopedia are Delinquent and Dependent Children; District & Municipal Attorneys; Evidence; Habeas Corpus; Law Enforcement Officers; Pardon, Reprieve & Commutation; and Penal Institutions.

Electronic Access: On the Law Library's computers, using *WestlawNext*.

Witkin's California Criminal Law [KFC 1100 .W4 C34](#) (Ready Reference)

This set gives comprehensive coverage of crimes, defenses, punishment and criminal procedure. Includes an index, table of statutes, table of rules, and forms.

Electronic Access: On the Law Library's computers, using *WestlawNext*.

3. PRACTICE GUIDES

Appeals and Writs in Criminal Cases [KFC 1174 .F58](#)

This practice guide provides complete coverage of criminal appeals in California state courts, including right to counsel, procedural aspects, hearing and determination, and capital cases. Also includes revised instructions for drafting petitions for writs of mandate or prohibition, including sample clauses.

Electronic Access: On the Law Library's computers, using *OnLaw*.

California Confessions Law [KFC 1167 .O54](#)

California Confessions Law analyzes every confessions issue, citing California and federal cases, and presents topics in a logical progression so you can find answers quickly and easily.

California Criminal Defense Practice [KFC 1155 .C342](#)

This practice guide takes you step-by-step through every part of a criminal case from arrest and searches, through preliminary hearings, pretrial procedures, trial preparation, trial, sentencing and post-trial remedies. Topics covered include confession, incompetency and insanity proceedings, three strikes sentencing, appeals and habeas corpus proceedings, narcotics and alcohol offenses, sex offenses and burglary.

Electronic Access: On the Law Library's computers, using the *Matthew Bender CD*.

California Criminal Discovery [KFC 1160.5 .P57](#)

A convenient one-volume publication, this practical handbook emphasizes methods by which prosecutors and criminal defense attorneys can fully comply with discovery obligations.

California Criminal Law Procedure and Practice [KFC 1155 .C254](#)

This book is a comprehensive guide to California criminal law. Coverage includes preliminary hearings and grand jury proceedings, discovery and pretrial motions, plea bargaining, jury selection, misdemeanor and felony sentencing, appeals, and more.

Electronic Access: On the Law Library's computers, using *OnLaw*.

Criminal Procedures Manual [KFC 1155 .A16 C86](#)

ABCs of Superior Court criminal trial procedures, published by the California Courts staff association.

California White Collar Crime and Business Litigation

[KFC 1128 .P373](#)

Comprehensive treatise that covers all forms of substantive economic offenses and the procedural tools used to investigate and litigate white collar crime.

Forensic DNA Evidence: Science and the Law [KFC 1165 .F67](#)

This loose-leaf is written in clear and practical language with an emphasis on California law. It is an easy-to-use reference for topics ranging from DNA biology and testing technology to cutting edge legal issues.

Levenson on California Criminal Procedure [KFC 1155 .L48](#)

Laurie L. Levenson, one of California's most respected criminal attorneys, provides a detailed treatment of California criminal procedure. This portable volume covers every aspect of California criminal procedure, from arrest and arraignment through sentencing and appeal.

Scientific Evidence and Expert Testimony in California [KFC 1169 .3 .S35](#)

This practice guide gives the solid background to successfully qualify, prepare, and challenge expert witnesses. Written specifically for use in the California courtroom, it thoroughly details both established practices and novel techniques.

Electronic Access: On the Law Library's computers, using *OnLaw*.

Sex Crimes: California Law and Procedure [KFC 1122 .C67](#)

This practice guide focuses on the procedural aspects of sex crime cases and includes a detailed review of all applicable case law and statutes, and forms.

4. SPECIALIZED AREAS BY TOPIC

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

California Drunk Driving Defense [KFC 477 .T39](#)

This book includes step-by-step instructions through procedure and approach in defense of a drunk driving case in California and outlines what to anticipate and how to prepare for DUI/DWI pretrial and trial proceedings.

California Drunk Driving Law [KFC 477 .D35](#)

This comprehensive set is full of creative defenses, heavily supported motions, solutions, and authoritative interpretation of the law.

California DUI Trial Notebook [KFC 477 .B47](#)

This trial guide details California law and strategy and is designed to be used directly in the courtroom. Includes practical coverage of pretrial motions including Motions for Pretrial Discovery, Motions to Suppress Evidence, and more.

Defending Your Client in a Misdemeanor Case (Including a DUI): Here's How and When To Do It [KFC 1155 .D44](#)

This action guide discusses discovery, pleading, sentencing, and judicial perspective in a misdemeanor case including a DUI. It specifically covers assisting with client's release, arraignment, special proceedings, investigating a case, and more.

Electronic Access: On the Law Library's computers, using *OnLaw*.

West's California Criminal and Motor Vehicle Law [KFC 1100 .A29 .C35](#)

This book includes a comprehensive collection of California constitutional and statutory code provisions including the complete text of the California Penal Code as well as other code provisions that deal with criminal offenses, motor vehicles, and the powers and duties of law enforcement agencies and officers.

INCARCERATION, PAROLE AND PROBATION

California State Prisoners Handbook: A Comprehensive Practice Guide to California Prison & Parole Law [KFC 1181 .5 .M33](#)

This handbook discusses the laws governing prisoner rights and the policies of the California Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation, includes sample forms and pleadings.

Jailhouse Lawyers Manual [KFC 1181 .5 J35](#)

This manual contains chapters on legal rights and procedures including the appellate process, federal habeas corpus relief, the Prison Litigation Reform Act, religious freedom in prison, the rights of prisoners with disabilities, and more.

Prisoner's Rights Union Self Help Materials [KFC 1181 .5 .P7](#)

Self-help materials distributed by the Prisoners' Rights Union, challenging pre-trial, post-conviction, and jail-prison conditions.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

California Judges Benchbook: Search And Seizure [KFC 1157 .C35](#)

This benchbook is a comprehensive guide to search and seizure law, including discussion of the exclusionary rule, search warrants, temporary detentions, and more.

Electronic Access: On the Law Library's computers, using *OnLaw*.

California Looseleaf Search and Seizure Handbook, with Related Matters
[KFC 1157 .C37](#)

A loose-leaf digest of appellate and supreme court case law.

California Search and Seizure [KFC 1157 .C375](#)

This title covers all aspects of searches and seizures in California. All leading federal and state court cases are discussed.

Search and Seizure: A Treatise on the Fourth Amendment [KF 9630 .L26](#)

This book applies the Fourth Amendment in diverse factual situations for developing more effective arguments of search and seizure issues in the plea bargaining, trial, and appeal phases of a criminal case.

SENTENCING

California Criminal Sentencing Enhancements [KFC 1172 .C35](#)

This book discusses many criminal sentencing enhancements, along with rules of application, pleading and proof, and imposition.

Electronic Access: On the Law Library's computers, using *OnLaw*.

CJER Felony Sentencing Handbook [KFC 1172 Z99 .C54](#)

Contains timely information on legislation affecting felony sentencing guidelines and offers a quick-reference tool for judges and attorneys dealing with criminal cases.

Electronic Access: On the Law Library's computers, using *OnLaw*.

Sentencing California Crimes [KFC 1172 .S46](#)

Sentencing California Crimes is a comprehensive review of the law and procedure concerning the sentencing of felonies and misdemeanors. This book offers a straight-forward discussion of such issues as the proper taking and withdrawal of a plea, the new realignment law and evidence-based practice, and multiple case sentencing.

Uniform Bail and Penalty Schedule - Sacramento Superior Court

Electronic access:

<http://www.saccourt.ca.gov/criminal/docs/felony-misdemeanor-bail-schedule.pdf>

Uniform Bail and Penalty Schedules [KFC 1155 .Z9 .C34](#) (Ref Desk)

Includes bail and penalty schedules for traffic, boating, forestry, fish and game, public utilities, parks and recreation, and business licensing cases.

Electronic access: <http://www.courts.ca.gov/7532.htm>

THREE STRIKES LAW

California Three Strikes Sentencing [KFC 1172 .C68](#)

Rutter Group publishes this narrative that explains which crimes qualify as strikes, how they are proved, how they may be stricken, and how strike sentences are calculated.

Electronic Access: On the Law Library's computers, using *WestlawNext*.

3 Strikes Manual [KFC 1172 .M46](#)

This manual contains analysis along with tips on how to distinguish cases that seem opposed or contradictory.

5. FORMS

California Criminal Law Forms Manual [KFC 1155 .A68 C34](#)

This set includes both defense and prosecution motions, responses, points and authorities, model declarations, and Judicial Council forms.

Electronic Access: On the Law Library's computers, using *OnLaw*.

California Criminal Motions [KFC 1155 .A15 .C34](#)

A review of all the motions that are filed in California criminal cases. Created to be a tool for both defense attorneys and prosecutors, with over 130 sample motions.

California Criminal Practice, Motions, Jury Instructions and Sentencing

[KFC 1155 .A65 R8](#)

This set includes everything commonly used in the daily practice of criminal law, including sample forms and motions, commentary, and references to cases and governing statutes.

6. STATUTES & REGULATIONS

The California Penal Code governs most criminal matters in California. The California Code is available at the Law Library in several annotated (includes summaries of cases interpreting the laws) print versions and on the Internet at the California State Legislature's website in unannotated form.

California Code of Regulations: Title 15, Crime Prevention and Corrections

[KFC 35 .A23](#) (Ready Reference)

Administrative rules of the Board of Prison Terms, Department of Corrections and the California Youth Authority.

Electronic Access: www.calregs.com

California Law Code Search: Free Online Statutes

The California State Legislature provides this free online source for California statutes. To access the Penal Code, click "Penal Code" in the list of codes to browse or select "Penal" from the drop-down menu at the top right to find a specific section.

Electronic Access: via the Internet at www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml

Deering's California Penal Code Annotated [KFC 30 .5 .D4 P76](#) (Compact)

The text of the law with the addition of explanatory notes, including references to materials for further research, including cases. Often will have forms included within the text.

Penal Code of California [KFC 30.5 .D4 P45](#) (Ref Desk)

Referred to as a "desktop code," this single volume contains the complete Penal Code.

West's California Penal Code Annotated [KFC 30 .W48 .P45](#)

The text of the law with the addition of explanatory notes, including references to materials for further research and "Notes of Decisions" that refer to court opinions.

Electronic Access: On the Law Library's computers, using *WestlawNext*.

7. WEBSITES

California Courts Self Help Center

www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-criminallaw.htm

The California Courts website contains general information about criminal law, including links to forms and information on clearing up a criminal record.

Department of Corrections—State of California

www.cdcr.ca.gov

This website contains information about the California Department of Corrections, including facilities, rehabilitation, and parole.

Electronic Access: Department Operations Manual <http://tinyurl.com/6py8yh>

Findlaw.com

<http://criminal.findlaw.com>

The Criminal Law Center provides information and help if you are faced with a legal need related to the criminal justice system, including definitions for common crimes, stages in a typical criminal case, tips on your constitutional rights, and more.

Prison Law Office

www.prisonlaw.com

Free services to prisoners challenging prison conditions. The site includes many handbooks and manuals for prisoners.

8. COMMUNITY RESOURCES**California Department of Justice – Victims Services Unit**

P.O. Box 944255 Sacramento, Phone Toll-free: (877) 433-9069

<http://oag.ca.gov/victimservices>

Houses the Attorney General's Office of Victims Services, which provides victims of crime and their families with information regarding criminal appeals and assists victims with parole and clemency hearings.

Sacramento County Probation Department

3201 Florin-Perkins Road (916) 875-0300

www.probation.saccounty.net

Services juvenile and adult probationers in Sacramento County. Prepares pre-sentence reports, and makes recommendations regarding sentencing in the criminal court and disposition recommendations in juvenile court.

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