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## Criminal Procedure The Investigation Process

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## Preface

This book is designed to help you learn all of the core concepts in your course on Criminal Procedure: The Investigative Process. It includes broad coverage of the Fourth Amendment rules governing search and seizure and the Fifth Amendment rules for coerced confessions and the *Miranda* doctrine. It also covers interrogations under the Sixth Amendment and lineups, which many professors also teach in their criminal procedure courses.

This book is not filled with long descriptions of why the Supreme Court reached the decisions it did or how the law might be improved. You will not find lengthy discussions of cases or pages of citations. Time is short. You are busy. This book cuts to the chase and teaches you the law in an extremely succinct way. How does it do that?

First, I have provided a step-by-step roadmap for tackling Fourth Amendment and Fifth Amendment questions. This book walks you through the exact questions you should ask as you are taking an exam and the order in which you should ask them. Then I break down the topics into discrete chapters the way you would find them on a syllabus. Inside each chapter you will find an overview of the law that helps you to learn it and *remember* it. Each chapter starts with the big-picture rule, followed by bullet points with the critical rules and exceptions you need to know. Then I provide a short narrative description of how those rules fit together. Thereafter, I show you the exam traps that professors like me use to determine which students understand the rules.

Most importantly, this book gives you a lot of opportunities to practice your knowledge. In the pages that follow, you will find more than 200 multiple-choice questions that cover each of the core topics from the course. Finally, there are seven essay questions and an answer key that will help you to practice what you have

learned and see what issues you missed. These multiple-choice and essay questions come directly from exams I have given at three different law schools.

There are many books about criminal procedure. Some are a mile deep, with a ton of details about the rules, but no opportunity to practice and see if you understand. Other books offer practice questions without explaining the law. This book is designed to hit the sweet spot by being a complete 360° guide to the rules you need to know, while also giving you a lot of practice questions—both multiple-choice and essay—so that you can go into your exam confident that you know the material and can ace your exam.