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Preface

Criminal Law for the Criminal Justice Professional, fourth edition, presents a complete basic introduction to the substance of those rules and laws that comprise the fabric of the criminal justice system in the United States. This book, like the third edition, describes the structure of the system, the theories underlying criminal responsibility, and the elements of specific crimes. The general principles that motivate the lawmakers have not changed since the development of Anglo-American criminal law, although legislative detail and focus have varied.

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- Chapter 1, provides an easy-to-follow introduction to the American criminal justice system.
- Chapter 2, provides a succinct overview of those principles that limit the legislatures and courts in defining criminal restrictions, with a survey of specific constitutional provisions and how they function.
- Chapters 3 through 6 present the basic principles of criminal responsibility, the elements of crimes, definitions of parties to crimes, explanation of incomplete crimes, and defenses to crimes. Basic criminal justice theory that has remained relevant over the decades is discussed in these chapters, with classic explanations and examples.
- Chapter 7 on punishment and sentencing concisely discusses the theories of
 punishment and the current state of the evolving American law of sentencing.
 In recent years, no other area of the law has changed so much, especially in the
 arena of sentencing guidelines and capital punishment.
- Chapters 8 through 11 present clear and concise definitions of specific crimes of homicide, other crimes against persons, crimes against habitation, and crimes against property, relating the elements of each crime by subject area.

The fundamentalist approach to cataloging elements and updating where appropriate makes the coverage of the subjects complete yet user-friendly.

 Chapters 12 through 16 concisely cover the specialty areas of white-collar crimes; crimes against public order, safety, and morality; drug- and alcoholrelated crimes; crimes against the administration of justice; and organized crime, gangs, and terrorism.

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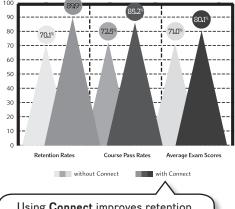
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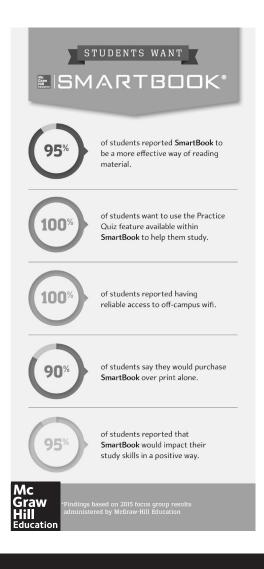
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