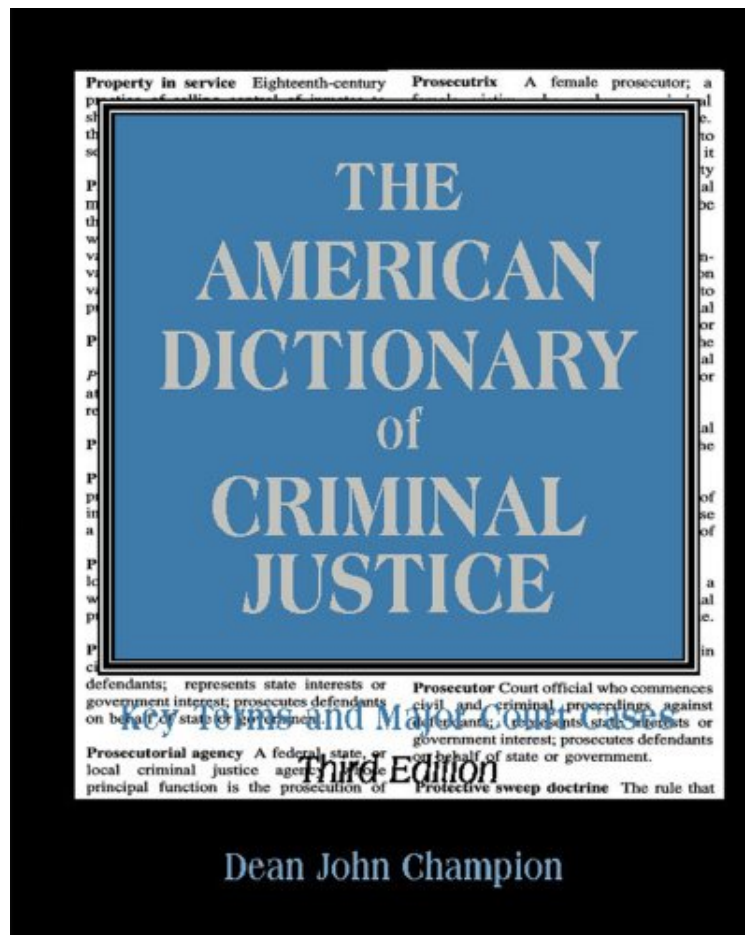


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Key terms cut across the following areas: criminal law, criminal justice, forensics, gangs, computers and computer crime, criminal investigations, criminology, criminological theory, corrections, probation and parole, courts and sentencing, rules of criminal procedure, constitutional law, policing and police-community relations, jails and prisons, white-collar crime, sodomy laws, civil rights, tort law, victimization, juvenile law, Section 1983 actions, capital punishment, electronic surveillance, fines and asset forfeiture, deadly force, search and seizure, wrongful convictions, the Prison Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996. The dictionary includes numerous illustrations, figures, and tables that provide readers with visual portrayals of important criminal justice facts. A comprehensive listing of over 30 doctoral programs in criminal justice is provided, together with useful contact information. An extensive listing of Internet sites is provided for locating useful information regarding important topics associated with law enforcement, the courts, and corrections. Also featured are listings of all probation/parole and state corrections departments and relevant contact information. Finally, this section provides listings of leading criminological theorists, a summary of their major theoretical contributions, and brief synopses of their written works. Many theorists are cross-referenced with other scholars studying similar phenomena. The Supreme Court Cases Section Nine hundred and eighty of the most recent and significant leading U.S. Supreme Court cases have been abridged in a short paragraph format to highlight the major facts, holdings, and rationales. The complete case citations are boldfaced in brackets for more complete information about the case principals (e.g., *Penry v. Johnson*, 532 U.S. 782, 121 S.Ct. 1910 (2001) [Johnny Paul PENRY, Petitioner, v. Gary L. JOHNSON, Director, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Institutional Division] (Habeas Corpus Petitions; Jury Instructions; Sentencing)). All leading cases have major terms boldfaced to indicate case content. A sample of current cases includes: *Bunkley v. Florida* (2003) retroactive rules *Chavez v. Martinez* (2003) Section 1983 rules *Ewing v. California* (2003) habitual offender statutes *Illinois v. Lidster* (2004) sobriety checkpoints *Kaupp v. Texas* (2003) confessions *Khanh Phuong Nguyen v. United States* (2003) federal appellate judge qualifications *Lawrence v. Texas* (2003) sodomy laws *Lockyer v. Andrade* (2003) three-strike laws *Maryland v. Pringle* (2003) vehicle searches *Massaro v. United States* (2003) ineffective assistance of counsel *Miller v. Cockrell* (2003) peremptory challenges *Mitchell v. Esparza* (2004) death penalty and harmless error doctrine *Overton v. Bazzetta* (2003) civil rights, Section 1983 claims *Price v. Vincent* (2003) double jeopardy *Sell v. United States* (2003) forced medication of mentally ill patients *Smith v. Doe* (2003) ex post facto laws *Stogner v. California* (2003) sex offender laws *United States v. Banks* (2003) knock and announce and exigent circumstances All major criminal justice topics have been incorporated into the compilation of cases, including such topics as: Acceptance of Responsibility Aggravating and Mitigating Circumstances Americans with Disabilities Act Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 Armed Career Criminal Act (ACCA) Asset Forfeiture Border Searches Civil Rights, Section 1983 Claims Confessions Custodial Interrogations Deadly Force Death-Qualified Juries Discovery Detainer Warrants DNA Profiling Double Jeopardy Electronic Surveillance, Wiretapping Evidence Preservation Exclusionary Rule Excessive Force Ex Post Facto Laws Fines Forced Medication of Mentally Ill Defendants Frivolous Lawsuits Good-Faith Exception Gun Control Bill Habeas Corpus Petitions Habitual Offender Statutes Hearsay Immigration Checkpoints Ineffective Assistance of Counsel In Forma Pauperis Motions Innocent-Owner Defense Judicial Misconduct Jury Size, Trials, and Voting Juvenile Law Knock and Announce Lineups Mandatory Death Penalty Media Rights Mens Rea Motion Deadlines Native American Tribal Law Obscenity Laws Parolee Rights Peremptory Challenges Plea Bargaining Police Misconduct Preventive Detention Prison Litigation Reform Act Retroactive Rules Sex Offender Laws Sexual Predators Sobriety Checkpoints Sodomy Laws Sterilization Stop and Frisk Supervised Release Regulations Thermal Imaging Equipment Trash Searches Victim Impact Statements Wrongful Convictions Many of these cases are cross-cited to facilitate research. These cases are indexed according to over 140 topics and include page number references for easy usage. Champion provides explanations of citation protocol for referencing legal citations, including citing the U.S. Reports, Supreme Court Reporter, and regional state supreme court compilations and reporters such as the Pacific Reporter and Southwestern Reporter. Crucial U.S. Constitutional Amendments are cited whenever applicable in the compilation. A unique feature is the explanation of how to cite and interpret case materials.

From Booklist Written by a criminal justice professor at Texas AM University, this resource defines or identifies key terms and persons in criminology and the justice system and summarizes the most recent and pertinent U.S. Supreme Court cases. The goal is to bring together in an updated single work information that undergraduate students need in their research. The publisher notes that 5,000 terms, concepts, and names are included in this edition as well as 125 new Court cases. The first part of the volume is the "Dictionary of Terms." Entries are short, and the writing is clear and succinct. Included are a number of separate entries on gangs and juveniles and many national justice organizations. Community policing is defined, and Zylon protective armor is identified along with the modern technology of Geographical profiling and the nonlethal TASER weapon. Individuals ranging from criminologists like Eleanor and Sheldon Glueck to criminals like Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski are included. It is not clear why some non-American terms, such as Cut-purse, are defined. The second part of the work, "U.S. Supreme Court Cases," covers mainly the past few decades in an A-Z format by case name. The author's objectivity when writing on controversial cases is notable. Cross-references from entries in this section to entries in the dictionary enable users to move easily to short definitions of pertinent terms. The helpful indexes and appendixes include an index of cases by topic, a list of doctoral programs in criminal justice, a topical listing of Internet sites, and addresses of probation and parole agencies. This is a fine, current, reasonably priced resource, accomplishing what it sets out to do. Although it will be especially useful in academic libraries, public libraries needing a one-volume work on criminal justice will also find it valuable. Arthur Meyers Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved This is a fine, current, reasonably priced resource, accomplishing what it sets out to do. Although it will be especially useful in academic libraries, public libraries needing a one-volume work on criminal justice will also find it valuable. (Booklist, 5/15/2005) This is the finest one-volume dictionary for American criminal justice and relevant landmark U.S. Supreme Court cases. The material is so well written and presented that it is an essential purchase for public, college, and university libraries. (American Reference Books Annual) The new edition of this resource for students, practitioners, and others who need access to criminal justice information contains 125 new U.S. Supreme Court cases, as well as over 5000 terms, concepts, and names. Champion... uses an interdisciplinary approach, pulling together key terms and concepts from diverse areas and illustrating how the terms apply in particular contexts. Following the Terms Section, there is an alphabetized and indexed section in which the most recent and significant Supreme Court cases are summarized - highlight major facts, holdings, and rationales. An innovative feature of these listings is the full citation, including the first and last names of parties, organizations, or boards. (Reference and Research Book News) About the Author Dean John Champion is a Professor of Criminal Justice at Texas A and M International University.