Editor’s Introduction to
Federal Jury Practice and Instructions
Criminal Companion Handbook,
2019 Edition

Federal Jury Practice and Instructions Criminal Companion Handbook is designed to assist the reader in the preparation of federal criminal jury instructions by providing a survey of instructions used in real cases as well as author commentary and tips related to the use of the pattern instructions, research references, and related materials.

Each chapter starts with an overview that explains the law addressed in that chapter. Each section is titled based on the criminal charges at issue in the case examples and contains references to corresponding sections of the full Federal Jury Practice and Instructions set or to relevant circuit instructions.

The 2019 edition includes new jury instructions from more than 20 real-world cases. In addition to adding instructions from recent cases involving deprivation of rights under color of law (chapter 6); bank fraud (chapter 23); tampering with a witness, victim, or informant (chapter 25); RICO (chapter 29); robbery (chapter 30); and immigration (chapter 34); the authors have also expanded coverage this year to include new chapters covering assault (chapter 2); escape and rescue (chapter 12); and the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (chapter 36).