

# Foreword

## 2025-2026 Edition

Since its initial publication in 1994, *Kentucky Driving Under the Influence Law* has continued to analyze and interpret Kentucky's driving under the influence (DUI) laws, keeping readers abreast of new statutory developments and relevant case law.

All aspects of a DUI case are covered—from the initial investigative stop through the complexities of sentencing. Also included are in-depth reviews of testing procedures and regulations, pretrial motions, and documentary evidence used in trial. Chapter 3, which is devoted to the evaluation of a DUI case and features a checklist for reviewing documents, is particularly useful to defense attorneys. Where an issue has not yet been addressed by the Kentucky courts, the authors are careful to comment on and cite to related laws and cases from other states.

In this 2025-2026 Edition, the authors provide updated case law and commentary on many topics. Highlights in this 2025-2026 Edition include:

- Chapter 1— Elements of the Offense
- Chapter 12 – Sentencing

The authors, Joseph B. Suhre and Wilbur M. Zevely, bring their special expertise to this work. Both Mr. Zevely and Mr. Suhre are criminal defense attorneys who have tried hundreds of DUI jury trials. Both authors have lectured on DUI law throughout the Commonwealth. (See About the Authors.)

*Kentucky Driving Under the Influence Law* is both a treatise and a portable reference. In addition to the authors' detailed text, the book contains relevant portions of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, including selected provisions of the Rules of Evidence and Rules of Criminal Procedure. Further, the Text Outline, Table of Cases, Table of Laws and Rules, and comprehensive subject Index provide fast access to the text for quick answers or in-depth research.

We acknowledge with appreciation the contributions of our editorial staff in preparing this edition for publication. Every effort has been made to insure that it is a timely and usable resource. We welcome your comments and suggestions for improvements to future editions.