

What's new in the 2025-2026 edition

The last several years have brought many changes in the criminal law, and they have kept us busy with updates to bring you the most recent law of Virginia Criminal Procedure. Between legislative changes and a slew of new important cases, we are pleased to offer the 2025-2026 edition of Virginia Criminal Procedure, which we hope you will find useful.

Highlights include the newest rulings from the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Virginia Court of Appeals, and the Fourth Circuit (as persuasive authority) on cutting-edge issues of search and seizure, interrogations, double jeopardy, discovery obligations, evidentiary rulings, the confrontation clause, jury instructions and selection, pleas and pleading, technical and non-technical violations of probation, along with other sentencing constraints, and more. In addition, this edition includes all legislative updates from the 2025 session of the Virginia General Assembly. We thank the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission, in particular Alison Powers, for sharing her summary of new legislation from the 2025 legislative session, which made our work much easier.

Each year, Virginia's law of criminal procedure changes in important ways, and our aim is to help you get up to speed in the most efficient way possible.

We'll see you in court!

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