

## Foreword

Few areas of jurisprudence in New Jersey are as dynamic as the law of arrest, search and seizure. Year in and year out, hardly a month goes by without a decision which adds new requirements for law enforcement and provides new arguments that can be advanced by the defense bar. Obviously, the failure to be cognizant of the latest developments in the law by the professionals involved in this type of litigation can have catastrophic consequences. Lost opportunities, lost evidence, lost cases, unfavorable plea agreements or unnecessary convictions can be the end result of simply not knowing about the current state of the law. Simply put, everyone involved in the criminal justice system, from line police officers to prosecutors, defense attorneys and judges need to stay up-to-date with this particular field of law.

This volume was designed and written with the all the professionals in the criminal justice system in mind. The New Jersey Arrest, Search and Seizure Annual Review provides a comprehensive, easy to use study of all the published case law on this topic from the previous twelve months. The cases are drawn from all of New Jersey's published opinions as well as the relevant cases from the United States Supreme Court. The detailed review and analysis of each case are intended to provide a measure of context and continuity to the decisions. The related commentary will explain the ongoing development of the law and recommend ways of responding to major changes by police, prosecutors and the defense bar. Beyond these features, the full text with key cites each decision is provided as well.

This book is updated on an annual basis so that the readers will be able continually be kept abreast of changes in the law and any new procedures that results from it. In short, the goal of this publication is to inform, explain and teach a critically important and highly dynamic subject that will continue to change every year for as long as we live under our federal and state constitutions.

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