

INTRODUCTION TO THE 2025-2026 EDITION

Criminal Law in New York, 4th provides practice-oriented insights from experienced New York practitioners and offers a contemporary examination of the substantive crimes as defined under the Penal Law. It provides expert analysis of each crime, as well as citations to controlling statutes and caselaw.

Some of the new and updated sections in this 2025-2026 Edition include:

- § 2:26 Relationship to federal and other states' crimes; § 2:33 Sex Offender Registration Act, § 2:27 Accusatory instrument.
- § 3:19 Assault and gang assault; See § 3:22 Lesser included offenses.
- § 4:11 Assault 2nd degree—Intent; See § 4:14 Assault 2nd degree—“Serious physical injury” and “physical injury”; § 4:31 Assault 1st degree—Intoxication; § 4:36 Menacing; § 4:51 Sentencing.
- § 5:17 Manslaughter 2nd; § 5:60 Youthful offender.
- § 6:28 Forcible touching; § 6:92 Evidence of uncharged crimes; § 6:110 Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act; § 6:138 Downward departure from presumptive risk level.
- § 9:18 Criminal mischief examples; § 9:35 Raise the age.
- § 14:18 Accomplice liability; § 14:35 Raise the Age legislation.
- § 15:40 Restitution.
- § 21:7 Obstructing governmental administration—Examples;
- § 28:18 Criminal contempt 2nd degree, subdivision 2; § 28:19 Criminal contempt 2nd degree, subdivision 3; § 28:44 Joinder.
- § 29:3 Controlled substance; § 29:11 Constructive possession; § 29:29 Repugnant verdicts; § 29:37 Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act (DVSJA); § 29:41 Defense of entrapment; § 29:47 Molineux; § 29:52 Relationship of federal and state crimes; Double Jeopardy.
- § 32:49 Victims of sex trafficking.
- § 33:32 Aggravated harassment second subdivision—Sentencing;
- § 39:7 Loaded (Within Weapons Offenses); § 39:8 Weapon; § 39:11 Criminal sale of a firearm first degree; § 39:13 Criminal possession of weapon second degree; § 39:31 Conspiracy.
- § 43:5 Terrorism.
- § 44:27 Defense of drugging; § 44:29 Sentencing; § 44:40 Hardship licenses.
- Additional case law and coverage throughout the title with updated charts outlining the offense levels and penal law sections.