

**Editor's Introduction to  
*Federal Jury Practice and Instructions*  
*Criminal Companion Handbook,*  
2025 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 2025 edition includes new jury instructions from ten real world cases. In addition to adding instructions from recent cases involving depriving person of right secured by the United States Constitution (chapter 9); prosecution for escaping from federal custody (chapter 15); possession of a firearm by a convicted felon (chapter 18); conspiracy to commit kidnapping resulting in death (chapter 26); and securities fraud (chapter 39).