

INTRODUCTION TO THE 2025 EDITION

New features and recent developments in this 2025 edition of *Preliminary Hearing Handbook* include updates to relevant statutes, rules, and case law. This edition adds discussion on topics such as:

- Timing issues
- Hearing and courtroom issues
- Evidentiary issues
- Crimes and gang crimes
- Hold to answer
- Pleas and Sentencing
- Postconviction and resentencing
- *Marsden, Faretta*, and disruptive defendants
- Contempt
- Motions involving official information and government informant privileges
- Pretrial release and bail
- Right to conflict-free counsel and waiver