

INTRODUCTION TO 2026 EDITION

This 2026 Edition of *Kurtz Criminal Offenses and Defenses in Georgia* is a complete guide to substantive criminal law in Georgia. Since last year's edition, new material has been added and/or existing material updated regarding the following subjects, among others:

- Alternative perpetrator defense
- Lesser included offenses
- Coercion defense
- Georgia Survivor Justice Act
- Justification defense
- Drug offenses
- Educational immunity
- School violence or disruption
- Evidence of abuse of accused by victim
- Felony murder
- Delusional compulsion
- Intellectual disability of defendant
- Competency evaluation
- Law Enforcement Partners Act
- Fleeing or eluding police
- Child pornography
- Sex trafficking
- Terroristic threats

This 2026 Edition (Volume 1 and Volume 2) replaces the 2025 Edition, both volumes of which now may be recycled or discarded.