

Preface and Acknowledgments

This Manual builds on the success of the editions published in 2001 and 1997 by giving much broader and deeper treatment to all subject areas, while also adding several new topics. To say that this publication is simply an "updated version" of the 2001 manual would seriously understate the nature and scope of the changes. The 2006 Manual was restructured to present the material in a more consistent format that is easier to use; all the chapters were rewritten to add broader and more in-depth coverage of all areas; recent changes to the case law, statutes, and sentencing guidelines are addressed; and new chapters were added to address the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, patent law, and victim issues. Throughout, we try to present material in a way that will be of the most practical use to prosecutors.

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