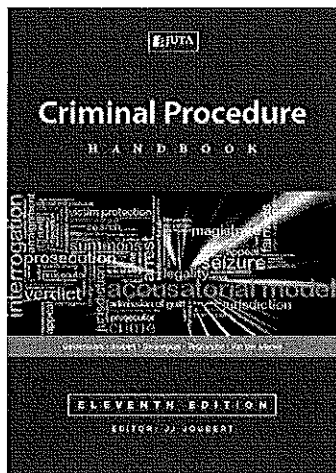


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CRIMINAL PROCEDURE HANDBOOK



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"The judge is condemned when the criminal is acquitted".

- Publius Syrus (42 BC)

Review by Louis Rood, BA LLB, Chairman of Fairbridges Attorneys

This comprehensive introduction to the fundamental principles and values underlying the rules that apply in criminal cases is an indispensable guide to this area of law. The authors set the context:

"Crime is a reality of life, especially in South Africa; and each country needs rules, principles, mechanisms and state structures to prevent, detect, cope with and control criminal behaviour. Criminal procedural rules play a pivotal role in this regard."

Every aspect of the criminal process is dealt with in a clear and logical manner. This includes the rights to legal representation, search and seizure, bail, pre-trial examinations, charge sheets, plea bargaining, sentencing, review and appeal.

All the case references are listed as are extracts from the Criminal Procedure Act, the Constitution, the Child Justice Act, and the Superior Courts Act. A subject index allows quick access to the contents covered.

Not only students and legal practitioners will find this book invaluable. The layout, style and presentation makes it readily accessible to a general and specialist readership who require a grasp and understanding of how crime is dealt with, from journalists and political commentators, to sociologists and educators. Of particular interest will be the commentary on aspects such as correctional supervision, restorative justice, community based sentences, mercy and pardon. US Chief Justice Warren in a judgment is quoted as citing with approval from an article in *Harvard Law*

Review: " The quality of a nation's civilization can be largely measured by the methods it uses in the enforcement of its criminal law."

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