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HIGHLIGHTS

Updates to Criminal Coverage

- Release 86B includes revisions to the Criminal volumes (Vols. 1–3). Ch. 19, *Conspiracy*, is completely rewritten.

Updates to Pattern Criminal Jury Instructions

- Release 86B incorporates amendments to the Pattern Criminal Jury Instructions in the star volumes.

UPDATES TO VOLUMES 1–3 (CRIMINAL)

Ch. 5, Evidence

Ch. 7, Witness Credibility

Ch. 8, Defenses

Ch. 9, Concluding General Instructions

Ch. 19, Conspiracy (chapter replacement)

Ch. 35, Firearms

Ch. 37, Bank Fraud

Ch. 39A, False Identification Documents

Ch. 41, Homicide

Ch. 42, Kidnapping

Ch. 44, Mail, Wire, Bank, and Health Care Fraud

Ch. 46, Obstruction of Justice

Ch. 50, The Hobbs Act

Ch. 52, RICO

Ch. 53, Bank Robbery and Related Offenses

Ch. 53A, Carjacking

Ch. 56, Possession and Distribution of Controlled Substances

Ch. 62, Child Pornography

Ch. 63, Interstate Domestic Violence and Stalking

UPDATES TO CRIMINAL PATTERN JURY INSTRUCTIONS

Fifth Circuit

The 2024 version replaced the 2019 version, making for extensive changes, including 24 new instructions.

Sixth Circuit

new 1.07B (credibility of law enforcement officers)

1.2 (jurors' duties)

3.01A, 3.01B, 3.03, and 14.05 (conspiracy)

15.04 (aggravated identity theft)

Comments to Instructions 2.03 (lesser included offenses)

8.03B (unanimity on means)

10.01 (mail fraud)

10.02 (wire fraud)

10.03A (bank fraud)

14.02C (a practitioner's dispensing or distributing a controlled substance)

14.03C (a practitioner's manufacturing a controlled substance)

18.01 (transmitting a threat to kidnap or injure) (revised to incorporate recent cases)

Ninth Circuit

New 24.29 (receiving proceeds of extortion)

11.1 (elements of conspiracy)

12.4 (distribution or manufacture of controlled substance)

12.5 (conspiracy to distribute or manufacture a controlled substance)

15.9 (aggravated identity theft)

15.32 (mail fraud by false promises)

15.34 (mail fraud- honest services)

15.35 (wire fraud)

17.1 (kidnapping)

Revised Comments:

3.1 (Statements by Defendant or Codefendant)

3.14 (expert opinion evidence)

4.1 (aiding and abetting under 18 U.S.C. § 2(a))

6.25 (Deadlocked jury)

7.4 (encouraging illegal entry)

12.21 (enhanced controlled-substance sentences for prior serious drug or violent felony)

3.14 (expert opinion evidence)

14.8 (false statement or identification to get or try to get a firearm)

14.15 (unlawful possession of a firearm)

14.22 (using, carrying, or brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence or drug trafficking crime)

14.23 (possession of firearm to further a crime of violence or drug trafficking crime)

18.8 (violent crime or attempted

one in aid of racketeering enterprise

19.5 (obstruction of an official proceeding)

20.27 (transportation or attempted transportation for criminal sexual activity)

Tenth Circuit

Significant changes to Instructions 1.10 (impeachment by prior inconsistencies) and 2.03 (illegal transportation of an alien)

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