

Federal Criminal Defenses Research Guide

Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on federal criminal defenses. "Federal Crime is a criminal offense under a federal statute. Most federal crimes are codified in Title 18 of the U.S. Code." (*Black's Law Dictionary*, 12th ed). The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

Related guides: Discovery, Evidence, Expert Witnesses, Predicates, Cross-Examinations, and Jury Trials

Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov

United States Code

- Title 18 Crimes and Criminal Procedure
<https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?path=/prelim@title18&edition=prelim>

Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure

- <https://www.uscourts.gov/forms-rules/current-rules-practice-procedure/federal-rules-criminal-procedure>

Secondary Resources in Print

Criminal Defense Tools and Techniques REF KF 9656 .F37

Federal Criminal Practice REF KF 9619.3 .B681

- Ch. 2 Bringing the Defendant Before the Court
- §11:60 *et seq* Notice of Defenses
- §11:75 *et seq* Insanity and Mental Condition Defenses

Suppressing Criminal Evidence REF KF 9660 .V581

Federal Criminal Rules Handbook KF 9606.99 .F43

Federal Criminal Trials KF 9660 .C57

- Ch. 18 Defenses at Trial

O'Connor's Federal Criminal Rules and Codes Plus REF KF 9606.99 .026

Search and Seizure: A Manual on State and Federal Law KFT 9630 C43

CLE Materials

Advanced Criminal Law Course KFT 1761 .S7 (PDF only)

- 2023 Ch. 55 Pretrial Detention and Bail
- 2023 Ch. 56 Federal Pretrial Motions
- 2023 Ch. 58 How To Win When Your Client Has An Unfortunate Familiarity With The Facts in the Indictment
- 2023 Ch. 59 United States Sentencing Guidelines Update
- 2021 Ch. 48 What to Do When the Feds Come Knocking at Your Door?
- 2021 Ch. 49 Managing Massive Discovery & ESI
- 2021 Ch. 50 Jury Selection Under the Limitations of Federal Court

Criminal Law 101 KFT 1761 .S75 C75

- 2022 Ch. 2 Strategies Approaching New Cases: Defense Perspective
- 2020 (no chapter) A Guide to Evidence for Prosecutors & Criminal Defense Lawyers, p. 63-149 (PDF only)

Federal Court Practice KF 8840 .A2F4 (PDF only)

- 2023 Ch. 6 Nuts and Bolts: Practical Tips for Federal Court Practice
- 2023 Ch. 8 Criminal Sentencing Guidelines
- 2023 Ch. 9 Trial Procedure in Federal Court
- 2023 Ch. 10 Post-Judgment Motions and the Transition From Trial to Appeal

Online Resources

United States Courts (U.S. Courts)

- Criminal Cases
<https://www.uscourts.gov/about-federal-courts/types-cases/criminal-cases>
- Probation and Pretrial Services
<https://www.uscourts.gov/about-federal-courts/probation-and-pretrial-services>
- Defender Services
<https://www.uscourts.gov/services-forms/defender-services>
- Criminal Forms
<https://www.uscourts.gov/forms-rules/forms/criminal-forms>

Criminal Forms – Northern District of Texas

<https://www.txnd.uscourts.gov/forms/criminal>

State Crimes vs. Federal Crimes (NOLO)

<https://www.criminaldefenselawyer.com/resources/state-crimes-vs-federal-crimes.htm>

Legal Assistance

Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up
<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up
<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)