Hate Crimes: A Legal Research Guide

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• A unique, up-to-date pathfinder to reliable resources across a spectrum of legal issues related to hate crime

• A source for key primary and secondary materials related to hate crime across the United States and other nations

• Designed for both legal experts and non-lawyers (students, non-profits, etc.) studying hate crime laws and litigation

About This Title

Hate crime and laws related to the topic are becoming increasingly researched by academics, attorneys, policy makers, and the concerned public alike. In the current political and social climate, both legal experts and non-lawyers need to know the current status of hate crime law across the country, and those considering how hate crime as a whole should be handled in the future may need to look to foreign and international laws for insight and new ideas.

This book introduces primary sources of hate crime law in the United States and overseas, while also providing references to key commentary on hate crime laws appropriate for a variety of researchers. Some resources are primarily useful for academic or background research, but practical resources for lawyers, legislators, citizens, and others directly concerned with hate crime laws are also included. Chapters highlight important primary and secondary materials across several jurisdictions, such as U.S. federal, state, and international arenas. Summaries of each resource allow readers to determine which materials are most likely to contain the type of information they seek, and links to electronic resources are also provided whenever possible. Each chapter includes a brief overview of key legal issues so that novice researchers can quickly familiarize themselves with important laws and terminology, while experts in the topic can refer directly to the relevant resources.

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