Grand Juries: A Legal Research Guide

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- A source for locating essential primary and secondary grand jury materials, including constitutional, statutory, rule references, and more.

- A comprehensive bibliography including more than 300 new periodical references on the grand jury since 1975.

- A must-have title for all criminal law practitioners and professors, as well as law libraries.

About This Title

The grand jury has a distinguished history in Anglo-American legal history, from the reign of King Henry II (1154-1189) to the adoption of the Grand Jury Clause in the Fifth Amendment of the Bill of Rights (1791). On the state level, a large number have adopted grand jury provisions within their constitutions and even more within their statutes. On the municipal level, grand juries are used in both criminal and civil proceedings. The role of the grand jury has become contentious because of police violence and the failure to indict police officers who killed unarmed African-Americans in the United States. The grand jury is an important institution and will continue to be used in both federal and state jurisdictions.

This guide brings together a wide range of primary and secondary sources dealing with grand juries. Primary sources include federal constitutional, statutory, and rules references, as well as listing of state constitutions, statutes, and court rules. Secondary sources include digests and citators, ALR annotations, legal encyclopedias, treatises, and practice books, along with periodical articles, legal newspapers and websites.

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