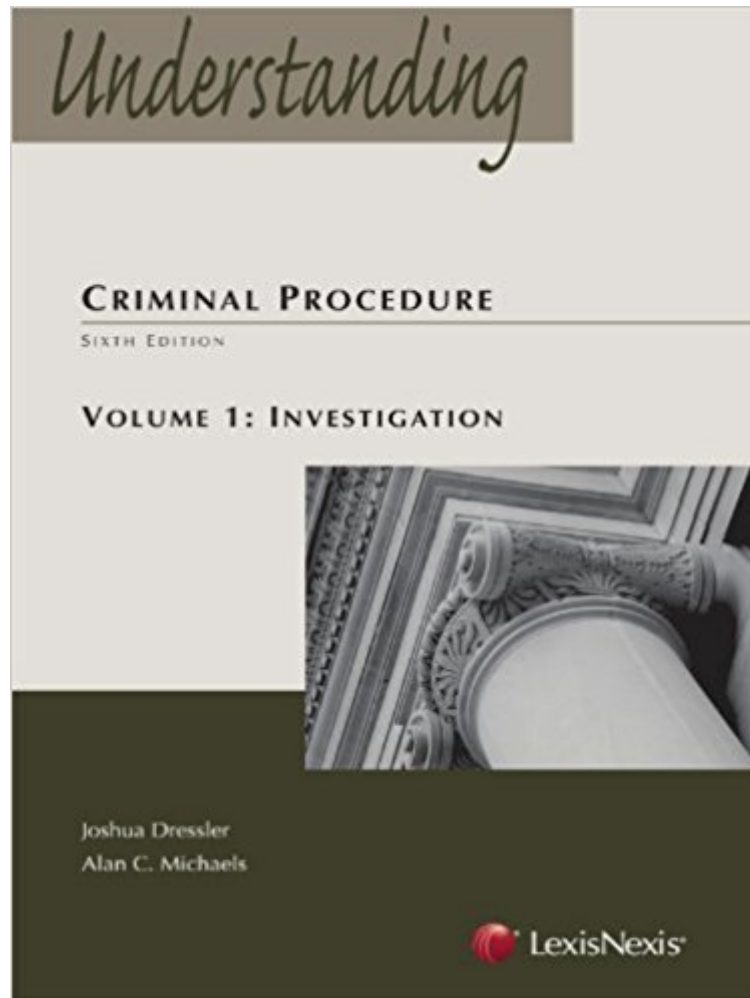




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Synopsis

Understanding Criminal Procedure is primarily designed for law students and is organized and written so that both students and professors can use it with confidence to better prepare for courses and improve classroom dialogue. Already cited extensively in scholarly literature and judicial opinions, scholars, practicing lawyers and courts will also find the expanded content of this newest edition indispensable. Inside you'll find extensive coverage of the most important United States Supreme Court cases and discussion of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, federal statutes, and lower federal and state court cases. Overarching policy issues are considered extensively, and some of the hottest debates in the field are considered with high-quality and objective analysis. The user-friendly organization of the text helps you develop a comprehensive understanding of broad topics, or refine your focus with intuitive subsections that help you find answers to pressing questions more efficiently. Citations to important scholarship, both classic and recent, help you to expand and refine your research on specific topics with ease, and footnotes include cross-references within the text to help you easily move to different chapters and subsections to understand how topics are inter-related. This first volume, Investigation, is intended for use in introductory criminal procedure courses focusing primarily or exclusively on police investigative process and constitutional concerns. A chapter on the defendant's right to counsel at trial and appeal and other non-police-practice issues is included in both volumes to allow greater flexibility based on the design of particular courses.

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This is well-divided, easy to understand, and goes along great with the Dressler textbook. The explanation of the cases as well as the rule law is very clear. I had trouble determining what the rule of law was from my textbook because there are so many cases in each area of Criminal Procedure. This book highlights the major cases and provides clear explanations of the rule of law and interpretation. Even though I used the Dressler textbook, I still found this supplement extremely helpful and full of new info. You can easily skip certain sections or the public policy discussion. This is a must-have for any criminal procedure class. I read the whole book as review for my test and it was invaluable to me.

Not as good as the treatise on criminal law but still excellent. It's very helpful for the 5th and 6th Amendment materials on confessions and interrogations. The 4th Amendment material is more specific to your professor. If your professor teaches it in a different order than Dressler, you might find Dressler's presentation somewhat confusing. That said, it definitely helped me get an A!

I have no idea how I did on my criminal procedure final but this book makes me FEEL like I at least have a decent understanding of what I am talking about. Criminal procedure is confusing. Besides grappling with the fact that the fourth amendment essentially doesn't exist, you have to explain all of the exceptions that lead to its essential non-existence (there are a lot) and this book will help you do it. As a bonus, if you're into criminal law, this is actually a really interesting book. It goes into all of the technicalities but it's fascinating.

I want to like this volume more. Truly. On the one hand, the writing is clear and lucid, and does a good job at explaining some of the more turgid aspects of this topic. On the other hand, it's poorly organized. The indices -- both of cases and topics -- are a joke. For a book of such depth, I would expect a topic index to be far more substantial. It's a guessing game of "oooooh, where did I see that before?" and "what topic do I think the concept I am looking for *might* be contained within?" In addition, the text would benefit from a few bird's eye overviews of the topics at the beginning or conclusion of each chapter. I feel like this book could be so much more with better organization. YMMV.

Dressler writes very well and brings opaque criminal law into focus. This book is the most entertaining and educational legal textbook I've read to date.

This is a great supplement. Broke everything down nicely. I love the Understanding Series for almost all classes

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