BOOK REVIEW

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A Review of "Constitutional Rights of the Accused-Pretrial Rights"

REFERENCE: Cook, J. G., Constitutional Rights of the Accused—Pretrial Rights, Lawyers Cooperative Publishing Co., Rochester, N.Y., 1972, 572 pages, price not listed.

This book provides a very comprehensive explanation of the constitutional protection afforded the accused under the Bill of Rights.

The Federal constitutional rights of accused persons have come to be the theme in both Federal and State courts during the past 25 years. Whether one agrees or disagrees with the pronouncements of the Supreme Court of the United States, nevertheless, they are there and lawyer, criminalist, policeman, etc, should know of these cases.

Professor Cook does a magnificent job of outlining and explaining the parameters and permutations of these constitutional protections. There are extensive detailed annotations from each Federal Circuit and each State of the Union. These could be extraordinarily valuable to the lawyer.

To my mind the most important section of the book is that which deals with search and seizure. This section takes up almost half of the book and rightly so. It details the following subjects: search warrant, probable cause, warrantless searches, place to be searched, invasion of privacy, standards, the electronic surveillance, illegally seized evidence, et al. The leading cases are discussed in detail in the text and the extensive annotations are noted for each Federal Circuit and each State Circuit.

The index is full and complete and one should not have any trouble in referring to the index and finding the problem for which one needs an explanation.

All in all, I would highly recommend this book for policemen, the prosecution, and the defense.

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