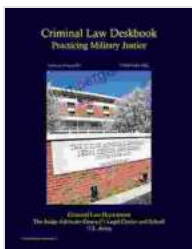


# United States Army Criminal Law Deskbook: An Indispensable Guide for Practitioners

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\* Part I provides an overview of the Army's criminal justice system, including its history, structure, and jurisdiction. \* Part II discusses the rules of evidence that apply in Army criminal trials. \* Part III covers the procedures that are followed in Army criminal trials, from pretrial investigation to sentencing. \* Part IV discusses the various sentences that

can be imposed in Army criminal cases. \* Part V provides a number of helpful appendices, including a glossary of terms, a table of cases, and a list of resources.

The Deskbook is written in a clear and concise style, and it is packed with useful information. It is an indispensable resource for anyone who needs to understand the Army's criminal justice system.

## **The Army's Criminal Justice System**

The Army's criminal justice system is based on the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). The UCMJ is a comprehensive code of laws that governs the conduct of all members of the armed forces. The UCMJ is divided into three parts:

\* Part I sets forth the general principles of military law, including the definition of crimes, the rules of evidence, and the procedures for trial. \* Part II sets forth the specific crimes that are punishable under the UCMJ. \* Part III sets forth the punishments that can be imposed for violations of the UCMJ.

The Army's criminal justice system is administered by the Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG Corps). The JAG Corps is a specialized branch of the Army that is responsible for providing legal advice to commanders and for prosecuting and defending criminal cases.

The Army's criminal justice system is designed to ensure that all members of the armed forces are treated fairly and that justice is served. The Deskbook provides a detailed overview of the Army's criminal justice

system, and it is an essential resource for anyone who needs to understand this important system.

## **Rules of Evidence**

The rules of evidence that apply in Army criminal trials are set forth in the Military Rules of Evidence (MRE). The MRE are based on the Federal Rules of Evidence, but they have been modified to meet the unique needs of the military justice system.

The MRE cover a wide range of topics, including:

\* The admissibility of evidence \* The examination of witnesses \* The impeachment of witnesses \* The use of expert testimony \* The use of hearsay evidence

The MRE are complex and technical, but they are essential for ensuring that all evidence presented in Army criminal trials is reliable and trustworthy.

## **Procedure**

The procedures that are followed in Army criminal trials are set forth in the Manual for Courts-Martial (MCM). The MCM is a comprehensive guide to the procedures that must be followed in all Army criminal trials.

The MCM covers a wide range of topics, including:

\* The pretrial investigation \* The arraignment \* The trial \* The sentencing

The MCM is essential for ensuring that all Army criminal trials are conducted in a fair and impartial manner.

## **Sentencing**

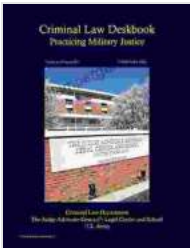
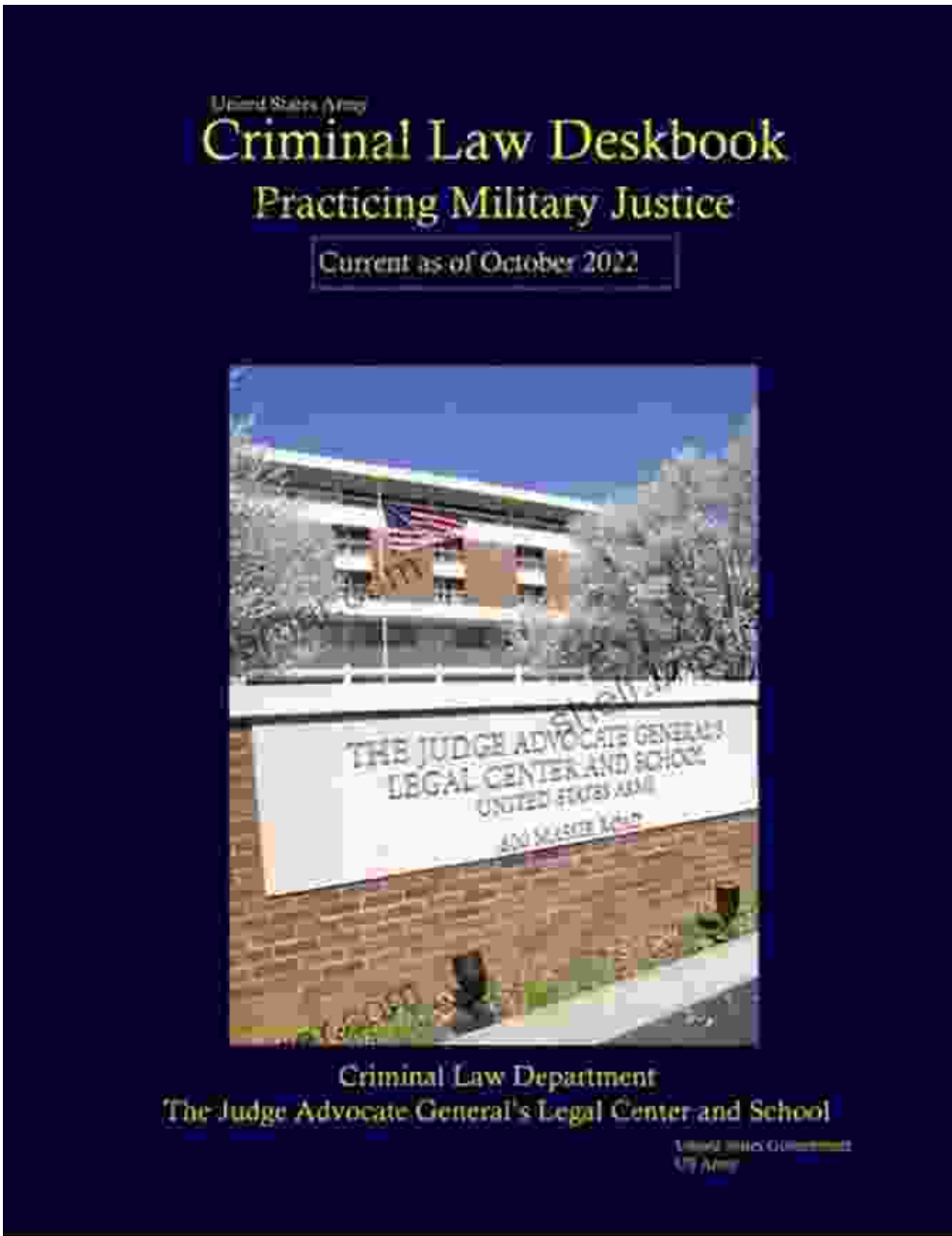
The sentences that can be imposed in Army criminal cases are set forth in the UCMJ. The UCMJ provides for a wide range of sentences, including:

\* Death \* Life imprisonment \* Dishonorable discharge \* Bad conduct discharge \* Confinement \* Fines

The sentence that is imposed in a particular case will depend on the severity of the crime and the offender's prior criminal record.

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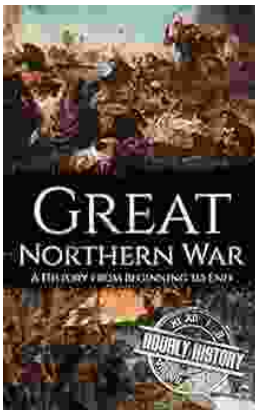
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