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Law and Justice as Seen on TV examines the impact, significance, and social and political problems raised by the enormous onslaught of law-related television programming, both fiction and nonfiction, in the years since the rise of live televised trials as major media events. The book weaves together the various strands—media history and analysis, legal history and policy, and the national turn to the political right in the last decades—which gave birth to this trend and has kept it thriving and growing, by leaps and bounds, to the present day. Beginning with the history of courtroom drama on TV and its various contradictions and shifts, since the late 1940s to the present, the book analyzes the various entertainment series and genres that have so proliferated in recent years, giving special attention to such popular and influential series as "Law and Order" and "Cops." The second section begins by charting the

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complex and contested history of the coming of cameras to the courtroom and the way in which that legal decision led to televised trials and to the rise of Court TV. It examines as especially interesting and important the major trials—such as those of the Menendez brothers, O.J. Simpson, and Timothy McVeigh—which helped to shape the way television came to frame trials and their social implications for public consumption. From there it examines major social issues—gender violence, youth crime, family dysfunction, victims' rights which, with the rise of the courtroom as a major political and television arena, have come to be viewed largely as legal issues to be discussed and determined in legal terms by Americans in general. Accessible and lucid, *Law and Justice as Seen on TV* concludes with an examination of the broad implications of this social and cultural trend, closing with some thoughts about its expansion, on television and in the actual legal arena, during the "war on terrorism" in the wake of 9/11.

DNA testing and banking has become institutionalized in the Canadian criminal justice system. As accepted and widespread though the practice is, there has been little critique or debate

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of this practice in a broad public forum on the potential infringement of individual rights or civil liberties. Neil Gerlach's *The Genetic Imaginary* takes up this challenge, critically examining the social, legal, and criminal justice origins and effects of DNA testing and banking. Drawing on risk analysis, Gerlach explains why Canadians have accepted DNA technology with barely a ripple of public outcry. Despite promises of better crime control and protections for existing privacy rights, Gerlach's examination of police practices, courtroom decisions, and the changing role of scientific expertise in legal decision-making reveals that DNA testing and banking have indeed led to a measurable erosion of individual rights. Biogovernance and the biotechnology of surveillance almost inevitably lead to the empowerment of state agent control and away from due process and legal protection. *The Genetic Imaginary* demonstrates that the overall effect of these changes to the criminal justice system has been to emphasize the importance of community security at the expense of individual rights. The privatization and politicization of biogovernance will certainly have profound future implications for all

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Canadians.

White Cargo is the forgotten story of the thousands of Britons who lived and died in bondage in Britain's American colonies. In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, more than 300,000 white people were shipped to America as slaves. Urchins were swept up from London's streets to labor in the tobacco fields, where life expectancy was no more than two years. Brothels were raided to provide "breeders" for Virginia. Hopeful migrants were duped into signing as indentured servants, unaware they would become personal property who could be bought, sold, and even gambled away. Transported convicts were paraded for sale like livestock. Drawing on letters crying for help, diaries, and court and government archives, Don Jordan and Michael Walsh demonstrate that the brutalities usually associated with black slavery alone were perpetrated on whites throughout British rule. The trade ended with American independence, but the British still tried to sell convicts in their former colonies, which prompted one of the most audacious plots in Anglo-American history. This is a saga of exploration and cruelty spanning 170 years that has been submerged under the overwhelming memory of

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black slavery. White Cargo brings the brutal, uncomfortable story to the surface.

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America's Top Legal Reporters Share Stories from Inside the Supreme Court

A Free Press-fair Trial Debate

Effects of Courtroom Cameras on Verbal Behavior

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**Goldman teaches political science at Northwestern University and directs the OYEZ Project, a multimedia archive devoted to the Supreme Court, at [www.oyez.org](http://www.oyez.org). Cover sketch by Dana Verkouteren "Supreme Court oral arguments are good government in action. A Good Quarrel brilliantly showcases this important aspect of the Court's work." ---Paul Clement, Partner, King & Spalding, and former United States Solicitor General "Few legal experiences are as exhilarating as a Supreme Court oral argument---a unique art form that this superb collection brings vividly to life." ---Kathleen Sullivan, Partner, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart Oliver and Hedges, and former Dean, Stanford Law School "[A Good Quarrel] shines a brilliant spotlight on the pivotal moment of advocacy when the Supreme Court confronts the nation's most profound legal questions." ---Thomas C. Goldstein, Partner, Akin Gump, and Lecturer, Supreme Court Litigation, Harvard Law School and Stanford Law School "A brilliant way to understand America's most important mysterious institution." ---Lawrence Lessig, Stanford Law School**

**Several encyclopedias overview the contemporary system of criminal justice in America, but full understanding of current social problems and contemporary strategies to deal with them can come only with clear appreciation of the historical underpinnings of those problems. Thus, this**

**four-volume work surveys the history and philosophy of crime, punishment, and criminal justice institutions in America from colonial times to the present. It covers the whole of the criminal justice system, from crimes, law enforcement and policing, to courts, corrections and human services. Among other things, this encyclopedia will: explicate philosophical foundations underpinning our system of justice; chart changing patterns in criminal activity and subsequent effects on legal responses; identify major periods in the development of our system of criminal justice; and explore evolving debates and conflicts on how best to address issues of crime and punishment. Its signed entries provide the historical context for students to better understand contemporary criminological debates and the contemporary shape of the U.S. system of law and justice.**

**The Model Rules of Professional Conduct provides an up-to-date resource for information on legal ethics. Federal, state and local courts in all jurisdictions look to the Rules for guidance in solving lawyer malpractice cases, disciplinary actions, disqualification issues, sanctions questions and much more. In this volume, black-letter Rules of Professional Conduct are followed by numbered Comments that explain each Rule's purpose and provide suggestions for its practical application. The Rules will help you identify proper conduct in a variety of given situations, review those**

**instances where discretionary action is possible, and define the nature of the relationship between you and your clients, colleagues and the courts.**

**Model Rules of Professional Conduct**

**Twitter and Television Cameras in Court**

**Television Courtroom Broadcasting Effects**

**News Cameras in the Courtroom**

**Issues and Perspectives**

**Rhetoric and Discourse in Supreme Court Oral Arguments**

*Contains a reference handbook to issues involving the media and the American court system and explores how technological advances from cameras in the courtroom to internet news have created new areas of controversy.*

*Examining the inherent spatiality of law, both theoretically and as social practice, this book presents a genealogical account of the emergence and the development of the juridical. In an analysis that stretches from ancient Greece, through late antiquity and early modern and modern Europe, and on to the contemporary courtroom, it considers legal and philosophical texts, artistic and literary works, as well as judicial practices, in order to elicit and document a series of critical moments in the history of juridical space. Offering a more nuanced understanding of law than that found in traditional philosophical, political or social accounts of legal history, Dahlberg forges a critical account of the intimate relations between law and politics that shows how juridical space is determined and conditioned in ways that are integral*

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*to the very functioning – and malfunctioning – of law.*

*Courting Publicity deals with the law surrounding the use of live electronic communications in the court setting. This is an incredibly topical subject that is likely to increase in interest in the future and lead to new legislation and case law. The book examines the impact on the legal process in the UK and those involved with ever-increasing levels of scrutiny, and public attention via new technologies. Contents includes: courts and Twitter cases in various countries, including the US \* media rights vs. privacy rights \* the Internet \* Twitter in court: issues and UK consultation \* television cameras in court \* the Supreme Court \* the effects of Twitter (and the Internet) outside of court \* the future.*

*Factual and Fictional Series About Judges, Lawyers and the Courtroom, 1948–2008*

*Law and Justice as Seen on TV*

*The Genetic Imaginary*

*Television and the Pursuit of Justice*

*Distraction Effects and Eye-tracking*

*The Empirical Research and the Supreme Court Challenge*

**The courts have had to deal with the increasing amount of technology. Televised courtroom broadcasting especially remains an issue. Despite three Supreme Court cases on this issue, the common thread between the cases has not been highlighted. This book analyzes these cases and the effects broadcasting has on**

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the courts.

This book is the first comprehensive analysis of the free press-fair trial debate over news cameras in the courtroom--one that discusses the issue from a historical, legal, and social scientific perspective. It incorporates the key aspects of the debate in one volume, examining witness privacy and protection, defendant reputation, the purported educational benefits of televising trials, the coverage of trials from an entertainment or voyeuristic perspective, and whether any proposed benefits of televising trials are negated by potential negative costs to the participants involved or the audience in general.

While legal scholars, psychologists, and political scientists commonly voice their skepticism over the influence oral arguments have on the Court's voting pattern, this book offers a contrarian position focused on close scrutiny of the justices' communication within oral arguments. Malphurs examines the rhetoric, discourse, and subsequent decision-making within the oral arguments for significant Supreme Court cases, visiting their potential power and danger and revealing the rich dynamic nature of the justices' interactions among themselves and the

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advocates. In addition to offering advancements in scholars' understanding of oral arguments, this study introduces Sensemaking as an alternative to rational decision-making in Supreme Court arguments, suggesting a new model of judicial decision-making to account for the communication within oral arguments that underscores a glaring irony surrounding the bulk of related research—the willingness of scholars to criticize oral arguments but their unwillingness to study this communication. With the growing accessibility of the Court's oral arguments and the inevitable introduction of television cameras in the courtroom, this book offers new theoretical and methodological perspectives at a time when scholars across the fields of communication, law, psychology, and political science will direct even greater attention and scrutiny toward the Supreme Court.

Encyclopedia of Television Law Shows  
Cameras in the Courtroom

American Justice in the Age of the Television Trial  
Should TV be Allowed in Federal Courts?

An Examination of Studies and Their Value to Court Policy-making

### **Courting Publicity**

**This Encyclopedia on American history and law is the first devoted to examining the issues of civil liberties and their relevance to major current events while providing a historical context and a philosophical discussion of the evolution of civil liberties.**

**Coverage includes the traditional civil liberties: freedom of speech, press, religion, assembly, and petition. In addition, it also covers concerns such as privacy, the rights of the accused, and national security. Alphabetically organized for ease of access, the articles range in length from 250 words for a brief biography to 5,000 words for in-depth analyses. Entries are organized around the following themes: organizations and government bodies legislation and legislative action, statutes, and acts historical overviews biographies cases themes, issues, concepts, and events. The Encyclopedia of American Civil Liberties is an essential reference for students and researchers as well as for the general reader to help better understand the world we live in today.**

**This book seeks to provide useful and relevant information to aid judges, lawyers, legal scholars, media groups and the public at large in making decisions about the appropriateness of permitting live electronic coverage of courtroom trials both as a general rule and in individual cases. To aid in the discussion of cameras in the courtroom, this book focuses on the electronic trial coverage conducted by the Courtroom Television Network (Court TV). The question that this book raises is whether public information about trials is to come solely from second-hand summaries on the news, "spin control"**

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**press conferences, prejudicial and inflammatory characterizations by interested third parties; or whether the public will be permitted, as well, to observe the entirety of the actual in-court proceedings under the control of the Court. Openness of public institutions, including the judiciary, is a key ingredient in our democracy.**

**Cameras in court or television courtroom broadcasting (TCB) is topical and controversial. This book explores one important aspect of the TCB debate. It explores one of the central concerns in the TCB debate, namely whether there are effects of television cameras in the courtroom. Are the people in court affected or distracted by the television cameras? This is a frequent concern in the debate regarding TCB. Many people have argued that TCB will adversely affect or distract the participants in a case where cameras are permitted. Eye-tracking can track and record where individual persons in the courtroom are looking, for how long and ultimately whether they are distracted. Eye-tracking TCB research can provide valuable data, insights and answers, which have lingered at least since 1965 when the US Supreme Court first voiced its concerns. The book also points out that the debate and effects research need to be much more nuanced.**

**Facts and Opinions about Cameras in Courtrooms**

**The Constitution and Representation of the Juridical**

**Media Freedom and Contempt of Court**

**A Comprehensive Analysis of the Debate Over Cameras in the Courtroom**

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## **DNA in the Canadian Criminal Justice System**

According to Thaler, the presence of cameras in the courtroom is a pervasive technology that can affect public perceptions of the judicial process, change the behavior and attitudes of trial participants, and ultimately transform the sober process of justice into a media event designed for maximum public exposure. The author has interviewed more than 50 people--prominent journalists, academics, and members of the legal system--and brought together their observations in a fascinating historical and psychological profile of the televised courtroom. Thaler provides a historical overview and theoretical perspective, and discusses the new cable courtroom network and the current and continuing camera debate in New York City. He makes reference to the recent celebrated cases involving Amy Fisher, William Kennedy Smith, and Rodney King, then turns to an in-depth case study of the Joel Steinberg murder trial, including insights from the presiding judge, trial attorneys, witnesses, jurors, and the defendant himself, as well as journalists who covered the trial. The author concludes that the process of justice is slowly being turned into an entertainment vehicle, not unlike the show trials of bygone eras. The issue of whether or not to allow video cameras into the courtroom has been discussed and debated by Members of Congress, the legal community, journalists, and the public since the introduction of newsreel films in the early 20th century. Technological advances have shifted some of the considerations in this ongoing dialogue, as newsreel cameras gave way to television cameras and Internet video. Increasingly, new technology makes video recording less disruptive, accessible to more people, and able to be distributed quickly, if not instantaneously. Most state courts, and several international supreme courts, allow video cameras to record and televise, or otherwise broadcast, their proceedings under certain circumstances. This book is not intended to provide a legal analysis of court cases relevant to the use of video cameras in federal courtrooms. This book provides information about

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the current judicial policies and attitudes related to video camera use in the U.S. Supreme Court, federal circuit courts, and federal district courts; summaries of the major debates and considerations for policymakers on the subject of courtroom cameras, including the appropriateness of congressional action, standards for public and media access to the courts, and potential effects on courtroom proceedings; descriptions of the four legislative proposals currently before the 114th Congress, including the Cameras in the Courtroom Act (H.R. 94 and S. 780), the Sunshine in the Courtroom Act (H.R. 917 and S. 783), the Transparency in Government Act (H.R. 1381), and the Eyes on the Courts Act (H.R. 3723); and complementary policy measures that might accomplish similar objectives.

Should TV be allowed in federal courts? Television cameras have been allowed in state courts for more than 30 years, but the Supreme Court and federal judiciary have been staunchly opposed to video coverage of trials or appeals.

The Social History of Crime and Punishment in America: A-De

Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment

Television on Trial

Television Cameras in the Courtroom

Facts and Opinions about Cameras in the Courtroom

News Cameras in the Alaska Courts

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Courts: A Text/Reader provides the best of both worlds— authored text sections with carefully selected accompanying readings that illustrate the questions and controversies legal scholars and court researchers are investigating in the 21st century. The articles, from leading journals in criminology and criminal justice, reflect both classic studies of the criminal court system and state-of-the-art research, and often have a policy perspective that makes them more applied, less theoretical, and more interesting to both undergraduate and graduate students. Looking at the effects of both allowing and barring television coverage of legal proceedings, Cohn (the Thomas Jefferson School of Law) and Dow, a retired CBS News correspondent, examine landmark televised trials, including those of O. J. Simpson and William Kennedy Smith, and analyze the impact of CourtTV and the history of cameras in American courtrooms. Interviews with judges, attorneys, jurors, and legal scholars shed light on the subject. This paperback reprint features a new preface by the authors, on the effect of excluding television cameras from the trial of a September 11th terrorist. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

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A U.S. Survey

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## Distraction Effects and Eye Tracking

### Courts

#### Assessing the Impact

When media coverage of courtroom trials came under intense fire in the aftermath of the infamous New Jersey v. Hauptmann lawsuit (a.k.a. the Lindbergh kidnapping case,) a new wave of fictionalized courtroom programming arose to satiate the public's appetite for legal drama. This book is an alphabetical examination of the nearly 200 shows telecast in the U.S. from 1948 through 2008 involving courtrooms, lawyers and judges, complete with cast and production credits, airdates, detailed synopses and background information. Included are such familiar titles as Perry Mason, Divorce Court, Judge Judy, LA Law, and The Practice, along with such obscure series as They Stand Accused, The Verdict Is Yours Sam Benedict, Trials of O'Brien, and The Law and Mr. Jones. The book includes an introductory overview of law-oriented radio and TV broadcasts from the 1920s to the present, including actual courtroom coverage (or lack of same during those years in which cameras and microphones were forbidden in the courtroom) and historical events within TV's factual and fictional treatment of the legal system. Also included in the introduction is an analysis of the rise and fall of cable's Court TV channel.

The essays discuss the restrictions imposed by contempt of court and other laws on media freedom to attend and report legal proceedings. Part I contains leading articles on the open justice principle. They examine the extent to which departures from that principle should be allowed to protect the rights of parties, in particular the accused in

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criminal proceedings, to a fair trial, and their interest in being rehabilitated in society after proceedings have been concluded. The essays in Part II examine the topical issue of whether open justice entails a right to film and broadcast legal proceedings. The articles in Part III are concerned with the application of contempt of court to prejudicial media publicity; they discuss whether it is possible to prevent prejudice without sacrificing media freedom. Another aspect of media freedom and contempt of court is canvassed in Part IV: whether journalists should enjoy a privilege not to reveal their sources of information.

"Authoritative and comprehensive, this multivolume set includes hundreds of articles in the field of criminal justice. Impressive arrays of authors have contributed to this resource, addressing such diverse topics as racial profiling, money laundering, torture, prisoner literature, the KGB, and Sing Sing. Written in an accessible manner and attractively presented, the background discussions, definitions, and explanations of important issues and future trends are absorbing. Interesting sidebars and facts, reference lists, relevant court cases, tables, and black-and-white photographs supplement the entries. Appendixes cover careers in criminal justice, Web resources, and professional organizations. A lengthy bibliography lists relevant works."--"The Best of the Best Reference Sources," *American Libraries*, May 2003.

TV Or Not TV

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The Watchful Eye

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A Good Quarrel

Television, Justice, and the Courts

***The ABA Journal serves the legal profession. Qualified recipients are lawyers and judges, law students, law librarians and associate members of the American Bar Association.***

***Spacing Law and Politics***

***Report of the Advisory Committee to Oversee the Experimental Use of Cameras and Recording Equipment in Courtrooms to the Supreme Judicial Court***

***Memoranda to Members of the Oregon Judicial Conference Regarding Television and Cameras in the Courtroom***

***A Reference Handbook***

***A Text/Reader***

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