

dealing with disruptive defendants and on motions for mistrial by criminal defendants, both included in a new section 5 on special trial problems.

The book has also been reorganized and redesigned to increase its utility. For example, the more than thirty sections that had previously been contained in one large section on criminal proceedings are now distributed among three sections on criminal pretrial, criminal trial, and sentencing. In addition, we have expanded cross-references to other Center manuals, such as the *Manual for Complex Litigation, Third* (1995), the *Manual on Recurring Problems in Criminal Trials* (1996), and the *Manual for Litigation Management and Cost and Delay Reduction* (1992). We have also added a list of other publications and resource material available from the Center. In response to a suggestion made by several judges, the text displays a different typeface to highlight "scripted" language for various proceedings.

It is important to emphasize that the scripts mentioned above—and indeed most of the material in the book—represent only the Committee's suggested approaches for dealing with specific situations. While the information in the book is responsible and valuable, it is not intended to serve as authority. And of course, judges should always check the requirements of their circuit's law and court rules and procedures.

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