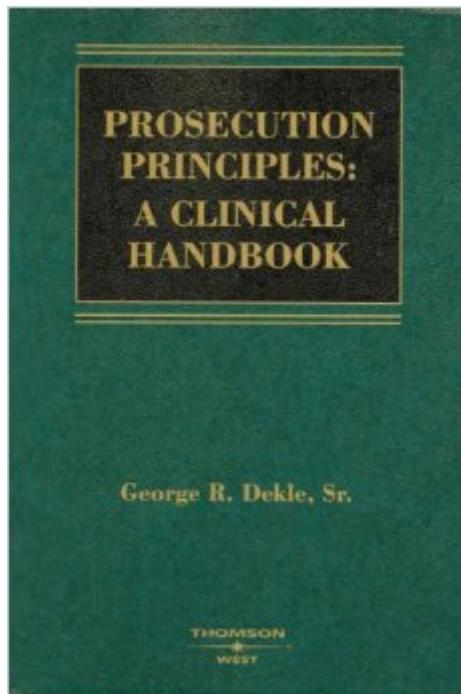


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I am an adjunct Trial Advocacy professor at S.M.U. and believe that this book superbly fills the void in trial literature for prosecutors. The author, a legal skills professor at the University of Florida, has written a highly relevant and readable text for any prosecutor--both new or experienced--who wants to excel in the courtroom. From the first page, it is clear that Dekle brings to the reader insights and lessons learned not only from his teaching experience but his years of being a long time prosecutor prior to his current job. The book covers the basics of trial skills but also focuses on the particular needs of prosecutors such as how to build helpful relationships with law enforcement, strategies for plea bargaining, how to decide whether to indict a case or not, criminal discovery, and ethics. Moreover, as a former prosecutor in Washington, D.C., I found the examples (both from real cases and hypotheticals) to be very relevant and memorable. It is also refreshing to see a textbook

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