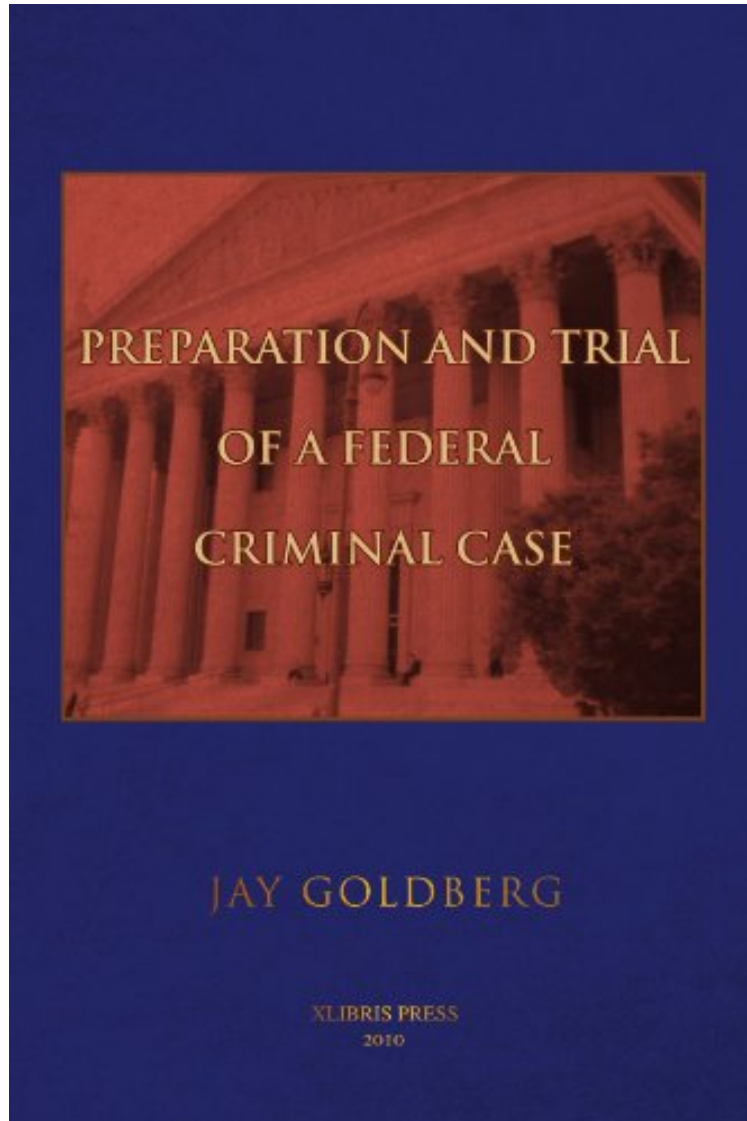


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Jay Goldberg : Preparation and Trial of a Federal Criminal Case before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Preparation and Trial of a Federal Criminal Case:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Good, but not quite what's written on the tin By Dave I was soon disappointed after I started to read this book, because I quickly realized that despite the difference in title, it is a paperback version of Preparation and Trial of Criminal Cases Within The Second Circuit. All through the book there are references simply to "the Circuit" and to "the Southern and Eastern Districts" (of New York) and virtually all the case law is Second Circuit with the exception of Supreme Court opinions. Unfortunately, I assumed that due to the

difference in title, this volume would provide information more generally applicable and perhaps a range of holdings by the various circuits, or at least note the key circuit splits. As a practitioner in the Fifth Circuit, this limited the usefulness of the book. Information that is handed out on a platter to Second Circuit practitioners will require extensive further research. I would have been willing to spend a bit more money to have saved a bit more time for a book that lived up to the title. However, on a positive note, at least the topical areas to explore for Fifth Circuit law will be easy to organize and categorize. There are a lot of topics upon which Goldberg offers no analysis or summary, but simply refers the reader to a case or set of cases and says these must be read. In each of these instances an extra paragraph of information would not have gone amiss. The abruptness combined with the scattering of typographical errors (including citations) points to the need for a good editor, as for all the talents possessed by Goldberg (of which he is not remiss to make sure the reader is aware) this is not one of them. It also demonstrates one of the perils of self-publishing. Though this review thus far consists of caveats, the book is certainly more than worth the modest price, even for those outside of Second Circuit, particularly for the occasional or new federal practitioner, but likely for the seasoned veteran as well. He outlines every stage of the process and provides lots of practical information on both what to do and what not to do. The appendices are quite useful with a sample jury questionnaire, opening statement, cross-examination, and summation. Having been a very occasional federal practitioner, I look forward to my first opportunity to handle a case with this book (and my own supplemental Fifth Circuit annotations) as a ready reference.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Poorly edited. By Madison WI Criminal defense attorney While the author repeatedly notes that he attended Harvard Law School, he certainly did not serve on a journal. The content is decent, if one practices in the Second Circuit, but the editing is sad. I made a game of noting the mistakes in the text. Not sure if "Xlibris Press" is a vanity press, but the final product makes it appear to be. I would take a pass on this.

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