

CRIV Notes

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Publisher Profile: Anderson Publishing Company

The W. H. Anderson Company issued its first publication, *Whittaker's Ohio Civil Code*, in 1887. In the ensuing years, the company published a variety of legal materials that focused on the practice of law within the state of Ohio. In 1953, the company issued *Page's Ohio Revised Code Annotated*, and underwent a period of significant growth. That growth continued through 1975 when the company changed its name to Anderson Publishing Company.

The name change was intended to reflect the fact that the company's products had expanded to cover a much broader jurisdictional scope that served the needs of libraries and practitioners nationally, while at the same time maintaining titles focusing on the state of Ohio. Currently, the company's product line covers a broad range of legal topics and jurisdictions through its software, casebooks, formbooks, journals, and more.

Anderson consists of three product lines: the Criminal Justice Division, the Law School Division, and Legal Research Products. The Criminal Justice Division is structured to serve the needs of the law enforcement community, but many of the titles included in the collection are also of interest to law libraries and legal practitioners. Subjects areas included within this product line include Criminal Justice, Juvenile Justice, Law and Courts, and Ethics. Titles in this division include *Constitutional Rights of Prisoners*, *Juvenile Justice: An Introduction*, and *Alternative Sentencing, Intermediate Sanctions and Probation*. This division offers titles focusing on the law and its enforcement in Canada as well as in the United States.

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Legal Research Products is Anderson's third product division. It includes practice materials, some of which are national in scope, but many of which focus on a particular state jurisdiction. Products are currently published for the following states: Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Washington. *Indiana Evidence Courtroom Manual*, *Florida Civil Procedure Litigation Manual*, *Representing the Terminated Employee in Ohio*, and *Federal Evidence* are a few of the titles published by this division. This division also produces software products.

More information on each of Anderson's product lines is available at its Web site or by contacting the company. The home page for Anderson Publishing is <http://www.legalpubs.com>. An electronic form for submitting questions, concerns, and comments is available at <http://www.legalpubs.com/contact>. A complete listing of contact information for each department of Anderson Publishing is available at its customer support page (<http://www.legalpubs.com/about/support.html>).

Contact the Customer Care departments by mail (2035 Reading Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45202); phone (800/582-7295 or local: 513/421-4142); fax: (513/562-8116); and e-mail (customer care@andersonpublishing.com).

The Web site offers some interesting features for customers. The Criminal Justice Division page allows customers to access Anderson's *CJ Update* newsletter online, and it provides a list of links to domestic and international organizations and sources of information in the area of criminal justice. The Law School Division page allows customers to search the *1999 Online Directory of Law Reviews and Scholarly Legal Periodicals* compiled by Michael H. Hoffheimer (Professor of Law at the University of Mississippi). It also allows customers to download supplements to Anderson publications directly from the Web site.

The Web site also includes a form for submitting electronic requests for review copies. Customers can add titles that they are interested in purchasing to their shopping cart as they view the site, and can then purchase those items through the Web if they choose to. Prepayment by check or credit card is required for orders totaling less than \$50, but you may use a purchase order, or bill to your Anderson account for larger orders. Shipping and handling fees are waived for prepaid orders totaling more than \$50.

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