



Prosecution Stories

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Twelve Tables Press. Paperback. Condition: New. 302 pages. Why Tell These Stories This book does not try to glamorize or demonize prosecutors; the cases, anecdotes, and experiences speak for themselves. This book shows emphatically that the prosecutor is the most powerful official in American government. As a former prosecutor, the book is written in an attempt to help anyone interested in criminal law understand how the prosecutor uses, and misuses, this extraordinary power to convict wrongdoers and vindicate the criminal law system. There are roughly 50,000 federal, state, and local prosecutors nationwide. This book describes how these prosecutors are featured in criminal courtrooms in America as the producer, director, and star of a system that processes thousands of criminal cases a week. As we shall see, virtually every important decision in a criminal case is made by the prosecutor: who to investigate, who to charge, what to charge, who to reward, who to punish, and how much to punish. These decisions are momentous. While they help protect citizens and provide the safety of communities, these decisions also destroy peoples lives, break up families, ruin reputations, and imprison people with more substantial punishments than any other country in the world....

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