Case Law Pro™
Advanced Learning Management System

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Vital Legal Skills for Law Enforcement

Brief Course Description and Introduction

Have you ever considered - maybe you **don't** know Miranda? And … maybe you **don't** know other important law enforcement case law principles – at least not as well as you should?

 If you **don't** know the critical 200+ most important case law principles – you can't possibly apply them properly on the street.

"An officer can gain no Fourth Amendment advantage through a sloppy study of the laws he is duty-bound to enforce."

Chief Justice John Roberts in
Heien v. North Carolina, 574 U.S. 54 (2014).

Case Law Pro (CLP) is an advanced, online or classroom law enforcement **Learning Management System (LMS)** built with techniques currently used to train law students and attorneys. CLP will give you a thorough understanding of 200+ U.S. Supreme Court cases critical to your law enforcement duties and show you how to apply their principles on the street. This will not happen overnight. The course is broken up into 18 modules and is meant to be taken over 6 months.

The modules are not necessarily presented in order. Your classroom instructor or agency training advisor or CLP agency contact will designate for you which modules will be covered first, in what order, how long you should devote to each, as well as the expected time period for completion.

You will take a pre-test before learning each module and can practice with that online exam as needed. There are 220+ scenario questions in total, broken down by module. You will also take a post-module exam in PDF format which will be scored, saved and placed in your training file. These will be the same scenario questions you have already practiced for each module, so don't worry.

Our exams are not meant to trip you up or "fail" you, but to give you and your agency the solid knowledge that **YOU DO know Miranda** (and all the other cases as well!)

The 6 Crucial Components in the CLP Advanced Training System;

(1) Case Law Pro can be adapted to a classroom setting, with an instructor guiding officers and deputies through the material, with pass/fail or numerical grades. Contact us if your agency is interested in using this material in a classroom setting or if you are interested in applying the CLP lessons toward state CEUs.

(2) If working individually, you will log in to our online LMS and after you take and score the pre-test, you will review the questions and answers in the course material. **You will learn why the wrong answers are wrong**. Each wrong response is reviewed as to why it is not the proper response for the scenario you were given. **This is how law students and attorneys learn to apply case law**, by analyzing correct and incorrect responses to hundreds of law enforcement scenario questions. **You will learn in the same method**, and be able to analyze your street enforcement situations with greater confidence that you are taking the correct enforcement action.

(3) You will read and highlight **specially constructed summaries** of leading U.S. Supreme Court (USSC) cases encompassing vital rules relating to law enforcement duties. Then you will read, highlight and create notes in the PDF of the full court opinion, focusing on the facts leading to the conclusions drawn in the case summary. **This is how law school students and attorneys master the details of these important cases.**

(4) Reading each USSC case summary, along with highlighting and making notes in the court opinion section, will further help you identify and guide you through application of these case principles on the street.

(5) When prompted by your training coordinator you will take the post-module exam in PDF format. You will score the exam and send it to your training coordinator. These 220+ challenging scenario questions broken down into 18 module exams will put your freshly-developed skills to the test.

(6) Your agency may also designate other legal titles to read during the subscription period, and may have you take an exam for those titles. Check with your training coordinator for more information.

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LMS Module 1 through 18 – Summaries and Descriptions

Major concepts analyzed for law enforcement application in Module 1 include:

> When the exclusionary rule applies   > Good faith belief

> Inevitable discovery   > The independent source doctrine

Review of **12 United States Supreme Court (USSC) cases, 12 scenario test questions and answers**, with the 36 wrong answers reviewed.

Major concepts analyzed for law enforcement application in Module 2 include:

> State action > Standing > Standards of proof > Searches, privacy and trespass.

Review of **6 USSC cases, 6 scenario test questions and answers**, with the 18 wrong answers reviewed.

Module 3 - Areas Not Considered Private - Part 1

Major concepts analyzed for law enforcement application in Module 3 include:

> Searches with no reasonable expectation of privacy

> Abandoned property > Information within public knowledge

> Open fields > Open air canine sniff.

Review of **12 USSC cases, 12 scenario test questions and answers**, with the 36 wrong answers reviewed.

Module 4 - Areas Not Considered Private - Part 2

Major concepts analyzed for law enforcement application in Module 4 include:

> Expectation of privacy – Consent > Mere presence in residence > Parolees.

Review of **15 USSC cases, 15 scenario test questions and answers**, with the 45 wrong answers reviewed.

Module 5 - Warrant Exceptions - Part 1

Major concepts analyzed for law enforcement application in Module 5 include:

> Minimal invasions > Exigent circumstances.

Review of **16 USSC cases, 16 scenario test questions and answers**, with the 48 wrong answers reviewed.

Module 6 - Warrant Exceptions - Part 2
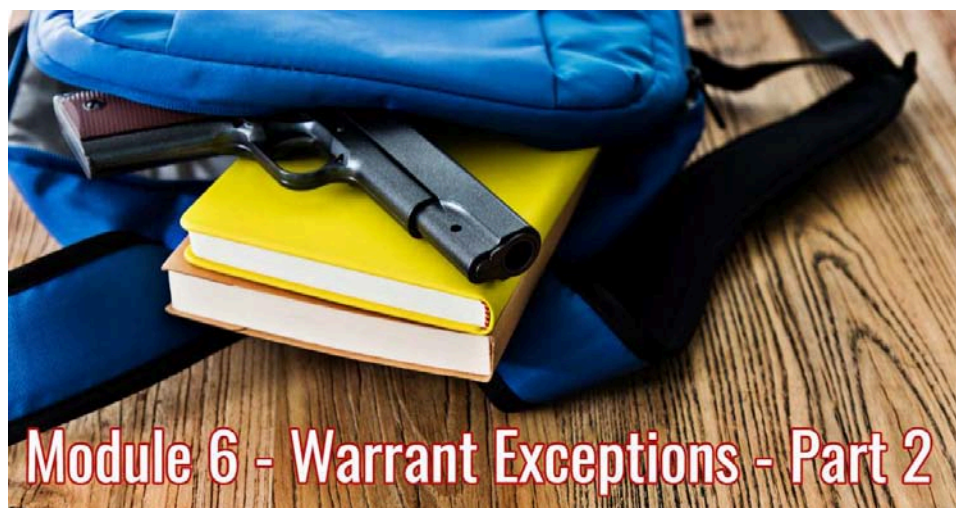
Major concepts analyzed for law enforcement application in Module 6 include:

> Investigations based on reasonable suspicion

> Plain view / plain feel.

Review of **14 USSC cases, 14 scenario test questions and answers**, with the 42 wrong answers reviewed.

Module 7 - Warrant Exceptions - Part 3

Major concepts analyzed for law enforcement application in Module 7 include:

> Automobile searches.

Review of **10 USSC cases, 10 scenario test questions and answers**, with the 30 wrong answers reviewed.

Module 8 - Warrant Exceptions - Part 4

Major concepts analyzed for law enforcement application in Module 8 include:

> Searches incident to arrest

> Inventory and booking procedures.

Review of **18 USSC cases, 19 scenario test questions and answers**, with the 57 wrong answers reviewed.

Module 9 - Warrant Exceptions - Part 5

Major concepts analyzed for law enforcement application in Module 9 include:

> Regulatory investigations

> School searches.

Review of **7 USSC cases, 12 scenario test questions and answers**, with the 36 wrong answers reviewed.

Module 10 - Warrant Searches

Major concepts analyzed for law enforcement application in Module 10 include:
> Hotel rooms and overnight guests > Efforts to secure a home after a fire
> Searches within the curtilage of a home > Technology allowing for gathering information > Body Intrusions > Large amounts of personal information > Mail and package searches.

Review of **15 USSC cases, 15 scenario test questions and answers**, with the 45 wrong answers reviewed.

Module 11 - Seizures - Consent and Terry Stops

Major concepts analyzed for law enforcement application in Module 11 include:
> Consent > Terry stops > Detention seizures.
Review of **16 USSC cases, 16 scenario test questions and answers**, with the 48 wrong answers reviewed.

Module 12 - Seizures - Arrests and Probable Cause

Major concepts analyzed for law enforcement application in Module 12 include:
> "Totality of the circumstances"
> Consensual encounter transformed into an arrest
> When arrests based on probable cause may be made without a warrant
> Untested informant information > Questioning during a lawful seizure
> Independent investigation of an anonymous tip
> Contraband in common view within a car's passenger compartment
> Arrest inside a home made after hot pursuit.
Review of **13 USSC cases, 13 scenario test questions and answers**, with the 39 wrong answers reviewed.

Module 13 - Search Warrant Requirements

Major concepts analyzed for law enforcement application in Module 13 include:

> Anticipatory Warrants and triggering conditions
> When you need to knock and announce – and when you don't
> Detaining persons within the property that is the subject of the warrant
> Covert entries
> Persons leaving the area of the search warrant
> Search warrants in public establishments
> Entries of homes to execute arrest warrants
> Media presence during search warrant execution
> Listing evidence seized affecting validity of warrant.

Review of **14 USSC cases, 14 scenario test questions and answers**, with the 42 wrong answers reviewed.

Module 14 - Custodial Interrogation

Major concepts analyzed for law enforcement application in Module 14 include:

> Exploring the many nuances of "custody"
> Words used to communicate the Miranda warning
> Miranda and foreign nationals
> Untested informant information
> The questioning environment – bedrooms, hospital rooms, etc.
> Questioning in police facilities
> Questioning, warnings and the suspect's age
> Undercover officers and informants and Miranda
> Interrogation and methods other than direct questioning
> Compelling a suspect to speak during a lineup
> Some questions during booking have Miranda protection
> Miranda and blood-alcohol tests using implied consent
> Technical violations of Miranda in one statement affecting other statements.

Review of **20 USSC cases, 20 scenario test questions and answers**, with the 60 wrong answers reviewed.

Module 15 - Invocations - Waivers and Exceptions

Major concepts analyzed for law enforcement application in Module 15 include:

> When has a suspect invoked their right to an attorney?

> Can a waiver of rights be implied rather than expressed?

> What questions can you ask AFTER invocation of right to attorney?

> Is invocation of Miranda rights case specific?

> What does a break of 14 days from invoking a right to attorney trigger?

> Can a person in prison still be "not in custody" for Miranda purposes?

> Do you have to disclose all charges to a person before the waiver?

> Are implied, rather than direct, threats still coercive?

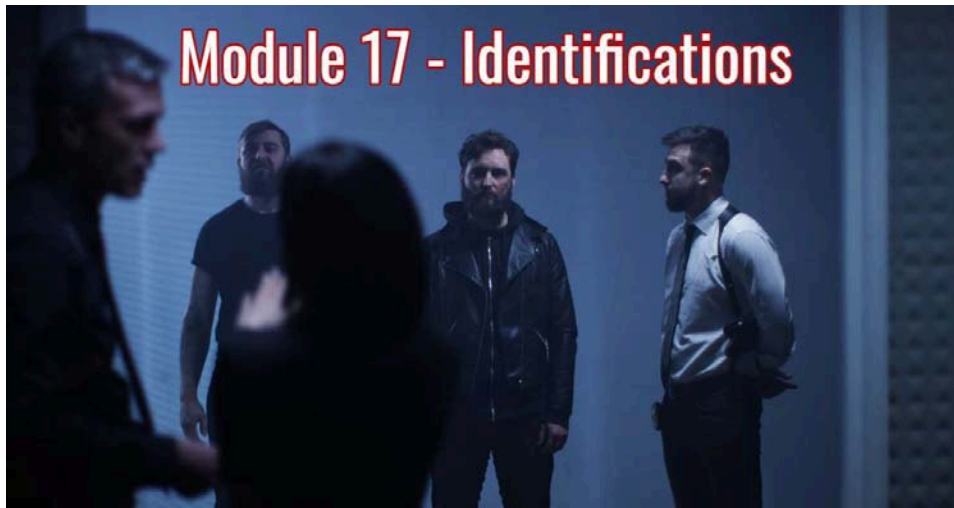Review of **17 USSC cases, 19 scenario test questions and answers**, with the 57 wrong answers reviewed.

Module 16 - 6th Amendment Right to Counsel

Major concepts analyzed for law enforcement application in Module 16 include:

> When is an offender "formally charged?"
> Spontaneous and unsolicited statements
> Information not related to the charged offense
> Untested informant information
> Is a voluntary Miranda waiver still valid after a suspect is charged?
> Can you still use evidence obtained after 6th Amendment violations?

Review of **8 USSC cases, 8 scenario test questions and answers**, with the 24 wrong answers reviewed.

Major concepts analyzed for law enforcement application in Module 17 include:

> What makes an identification procedure "suggestive?"
> After an improper identification, can the victim make a subsequent, valid identification that may be introduced at trial?
> What types of group photos containing suspects are permissible to use?
> Does a suspect have a right to an attorney at a live lineup before formal charges? What about after? What about photo lineups?

Review of **9 USSC cases, 9 scenario test questions and answers**, with the 27 wrong answers reviewed.

Module 18 - Civil Liability and Law Enforcement

Major concepts analyzed for law enforcement application in Module 18 include:

> Deadly force
> Search warrant affidavits
> Improper vs. unreasonable seizures
> When officers are immune from civil damages
> Qualified immunity and good faith.

Review of **8 USSC cases, 8 scenario test questions and answers**, with the 24 wrong answers reviewed.

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State and National Legal Exams

Your agency can choose any of these exams to include with Case Law Pro modules at no extra cost. The textbooks are purchased or rented separately by your agency. Links below are provided for Amazon or direct to the publisher.

California Peace Officers Legal Sourcebook & California Codes 300+ questions

Connecticut Law Enforcement Officer's Field Manual – 270+ questions

Florida Law Enforcement Handbook – 300+ questions

Michigan Criminal Law and Procedure - a Handbook for Michigan Police Officers – 390+ questions

Pennsylvania - Criminal Law Digest – 390+ questions

Texas Criminal and Traffic Law Manual – 260+ questions

Law Officer's Pocket Manual – 360+ questions

Briefs of Leading Cases in Law Enforcement – 200+ questions

Civil Liability in Criminal Justice – 200+ questions

Legal Guide for Police - Constitutional Issues – 200+ questions

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What is the cost?

Cost is only 29.95 per user, for up to one year of training! This is based on the number of sworn, line personnel in your agency in entry to mid-management ranks. We do not include in the count upper management, academy trainees or non-sworn positions. However, you can designate anyone who is a member of your agency to take the course, at no extra charge.

How is payment arranged? We will send you a quote based on the number of users. Once you authorize the training we will send an invoice which is payable by agency credit card or check within 30 days.

How long is the subscription term?

Subscriptions are for 6 months and can be extended for up to 1 year. The exact length of time depends on the size of your agency. We want to give you as much time as you need. Typically 6 months is all that is needed in small to medium size agencies, up to 100 sworn personnel, so this is our basic subscription time. Large agencies may take up to 12 months to have everyone go through the course. If your agency starts with a 6-month subscription and can't get everyone through in time, we will extend it to 12 months, at no extra charge.

How often is the material updated?

We update as often as needed, as soon as our attorney finds new case law that affects any of the Module topics. During your subscription we notify you by email and will send the new material, module changes, new exam questions, etc out to your agency training coordinator as soon as it is available.

How do we renew? Any cost savings?

You will have new deputies or officers, there will be new laws, and there will also be very easy and cost-effective renewals – you will save 33% and pay only 19.95 per user, if renewed before the end of your current subscription.

How is Case Law Pro implemented in my agency?

We keep it simple and direct. You will designate a training coordinator, and we will send a complete packet out to their email, with full instructions and links to log in to our Learning Management System (LMS) and to download all the training and exam material.

How do our officers access the material? How about the exams?

We make it all very easy. Our online LMS can be accessed through any smartphone, tablet, Windows, Chromebook or Mac system – any system with a modern browser and web connection. The pre-test is taken online as often as needed and all the course learning material is downloaded as common PDF files. For the final Module exam (same scenario questions as in the pre-test), your officers use a desktop or a laptop system with a specially coded self-scoring PDF Desktop Exam that is saved and forwarded to your training coordinator. You can designate the exam open-book or have them take it without references. Either way, if they can answer all the scenario questions from all the modules (220+ in all), you will be able to show that they understand and can apply the case law on the street.

What about the training and exam records?

Your department keeps all the training material and testing documentation in house.

How do we schedule our officers to take the course?

Access to all our material is 24/7/365. You can arrange training as either a completely individual effort or make it a small group or classroom learning experience. Since there are so many variables, we of course don't limit access in any way. Scheduling can take place in short 15 – 30 minute intervals or some agencies are able to set aside a day or week of instructor-led training. It's up to you, whatever works best for your circumstances.

Do the Modules have to be taken in order?

No. You can designate what order to take the Modules and skip Modules if you choose to (not suggesting you do, but it's under your control to do so). We placed them in the order we feel works best, with the longer modules toward the end. However you are free to adapt the course material as you see fit.

How much time is needed for an officer to finish all the modules?

This varies widely of course. The material is difficult when first starting out, so that's why we give you up to a year. A typical officer working in 15 – 20 minute segments per day should be able to finish each module and take the exam for that module within 1 to 2 weeks. As they get used to the training and the testing, they can finish a module in less than a week.

How do we implement the exams on the state and national textbooks?

If during your subscription period your agency wants to further educate your officers with exams from any of these legal titles, we will provide you with exams they can take after reading the textbooks. If you are in Texas, Michigan, California, Florida, Connecticut or Pennsylvania, you will want to add your state's legal exam, which we will do **at no extra charge**. If you are in any other state, any one of these national legal titles would be an excellent companion to Case Law Pro. You will just need to provide for the purchase or rental of the textbooks or eBooks for your personnel. Your training coordinator will have a copy of the PDF self-scoring exam to forward to your officer or deputy when they are finished studying and ready to be tested on the material.

We can't pay overtime or compensatory time and we don't have a lot of time to dedicate to training, so can the time to take the modules be shortened?

Yes. We can discuss with your training coordinator easy ways to shorten the time with each module – we call it fast-tracking. When fast-tracking, your officers will take the pre-test, read the case law summaries and opinions online or in our provided PDFs, and then take the post-module PDF self-scoring exam for their training records. What they are skipping over is the highlighting and annotating of each court opinion. We want to be clear - **fast-tracking is not the optimal use of the CLP course**, but if that's what your agency needs in order to have benefit of the training, it is a workable method.

Who put together and wrote the Case Law Pro Course and why?
Police Career and Promotion Services, LLC, and our attorney have created this course for the benefit of all U.S. law enforcement officers. Why? Our reason is very simple – it is the answer to this important question; **who should be better trained in applying critical case law principles, attorneys or law enforcement officers**? We are sure you know the answer.

What if we have problems or questions?
We are proud of our excellent client service - we are available by email, phone (561.406.2116) or live chat Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pacific should you need help or have any questions.

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