

Misdemeanor Machinery:

The Hidden Heart of the American Criminal Justice System.

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Misdemeanor justice is a topic perennially important and almost always neglected. Approximately 90% of all criminal cases are processed in these low visibility, high volume courts, offering a brand of justice only faintly reminiscent of the due process model described in the Constitution. Yet misdemeanor courts come to the attention of the public only during periodic bouts of civil unrest. In the 1920's, 1930's, and 1960's, calls for reform of misdemeanor courts went largely unheeded. Today, again, in the aftermath of what the country learned about misdemeanor courts from the unrest in Ferguson, Missouri, real reform of the criminal justice system seems possible but far from guaranteed.

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