

# JUVENILE JUSTICE AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Legal Studies 163

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**Textbooks:** Gennaro F. Vito and Julie Kunselman, *Juvenile Justice Today* (Prentice Hall 2011)

Franklin E. Zimring, *American Juvenile Justice* (Oxford University Press 2005)

## I. General Perspectives

- A. Vito and Kunselman, Chapter 1
- B. Adolescence and American Law  
Zimring, Introduction to Part I; A Childhood and Public Law before the Revolution, @ Chapter 1; A Modern Adolescence as a Learner=s Permit, @ Chapter 2; and “The Problem of Individual Variation,” Chapter 3

## II. Adolescent Crime and Juvenile Delinquency

- A. Patterns of Youth Crime
  - 1. Vito and Kunselman, Chapter 2
  - 2. Zimring, A Two Patterns of Age Progression in Adolescent Crime, @ Chapter 7, by Fagan and Zimring
  - 3. Zimring, “Kids, Groups and Crime, @ Chapter 6
- B. Legal Definitions
  - 1. Review Zimring, Chapter 1
  - 2. Statutory Language handout

## III. Theories of Delinquency

- A. Vito and Kunselman, Chapter 3

IV. Juvenile Justice Process in Theory and Practice

- A. A Theory of Juvenile Courts  
Zimring, “The Common Thread: Diversion in Juvenile Justice,” Chapter 4  
Vito and Kunselman, Chapter 4
- B. Policing Juveniles  
Vito and Kunselman, Chapter 5
- C. Court Processes  
Vito and Kunselman, Chapter 6
- D. Legal Rights in Adjudication  
Vito and Kunselman, Chapter 7
- E. Probation and Diversion  
Vito and Kunselman, Chapter 8
- F. Institutions  
Vito and Kunselman, Chapter 9

V. Delinquency and the Legal Status of Adolescence

- A. The Implications of Semi-Autonomy on Punishment  
Zimring, A Penal Proportionality for the Young Offender,@ Chapter 5
- B. Diversion Reconsidered  
Zimring, “The Common Thread: Diversion in Juvenile Justice,” Chapter 4

VI. Youth Violence and the Limits of Juvenile Court Protection

- A. Adolescents, Guns and Punishment Policy  
Zimring, A Choosing a Coherent Policy toward Juveniles and Guns,@ Chapter 12
- B. Transfer to Criminal Court  
Zimring, A Juvenile or Criminal Court? A Punitive Theory of Waiver,@ Chapter  
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- C. Status Offenders  
Zimring, “The Jurisprudence of Teen Pregnancy,” Chapter 9  
Materials on Teenage Smoking

VII. Perspectives on Law Reform

- A. Does the Juvenile Court Have a Future?  
Zimring, AThe Case of the Disappearing Superpredator,@ Chapter 8
- B. Sexual Abuse by Juvenile Males  
Handout
- C. Racial Disproportion in Juvenile Justice  
Zimring, AReducing the Harms of Minority Overrepresentation in American  
Juvenile Justice,@ Chapter 11
- D. Gangs  
Vito and Kunselman, Chapter 12
- E. Juveniles Who Commit Murder  
Zimring, AThe Hardest of the Hard Cases,@ Chapter 13