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### child exploitation and trafficking

Examining the  
Global Challenges  
and U.S. Responses

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**"[A] milestone on the road to improved policy in this difficult and important area, this book will be an invaluable resource to judges, prosecutors, police, policymakers, criminologists, and the defense bar."**

**- Richard A. Posner, Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and author of *Sex and Reason***

*Child Exploitation and Trafficking* brings fresh thinking to a complicated area of the law. Each year, more than two million children around the world fall victim to commercial sexual exploitation. The numbers of children sexually abused for non-commercial purposes are even higher. Put simply, the growing, increasingly-organized epidemic of child exploitation demands a coordinated response.

The book provides the first comprehensive, practical survey of the history and present-day realities of child sexual exploitation, as well as to the interconnected web of domestic and transnational federal laws and law enforcement efforts launched in response thereto. It is written from the distinctive perspective of those who have spent their careers in the trenches investigating, prosecuting, and adjudicating these intricate and commonly emotional cases. Relying on real-world examples, the authors offer proscriptive and descriptive practical advice and reform proposals aimed at those involved at all levels in this difficult area. Serving as a "first-line" resource for clear, practical thinking on the range of complex, and often misunderstood, investigative, prosecutorial, and rehabilitative issues surrounding child exploitation cases, this work is a must-have for anyone with interest in the protection of children from sexual exploitation and trafficking.



Virginia M. Kendall is a judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Before being elevated to the federal bench, Judge Kendall served as a deputy chief in the United States Attorney's Office in Chicago, where for more than ten years she served as the child exploitation coordinator. She travels extensively both domestically and internationally teaching judges and lawyers about crimes against women and children, and is an adjunct professor of law at Northwestern



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