

Criminal Procedure

Law

The stages from investigation to sentence.

The typical progression.

1

Investigation

Evidence gathered under statutory powers and safeguards.

2

Charging decision

Applying evidential and public interest tests.

3

First appearance

Plea, bail and case management decisions.

4

Pre-trial disclosure

Prosecution discloses material that may assist the defence.

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Trial

Prosecution must prove the case to the criminal standard.

6

Sentence

If convicted, applying the relevant sentencing framework.

Educational reference. Disclosure failures are among the most common causes of miscarriages of justice.