THE DETERRENT EFFECT OF SANCTIONS
A Selected Bibliography

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Several months ago, largely in deference to a suggestion made by Professor Hugo Bedau of Tufts University, a bibliography on the deterrent effect of sanctions was issued by the Metropolitan Criminal Justice Center, financial support for the publication coming from funds provided to the Center by the National Institute of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. The rationale behind that initial publication was quite simple. We had become interested in various aspects of the deterrence issue because it related to many of our own teaching and research involvements, and we had found it quite difficult to locate relevant literature. We first thought that the difficulty was a function of little work having been completed, but we quickly learned that this was not the case. Actually, a reasonably large and rapidly growing body of literature has been produced, but it is widely scattered through the journals of such disciplines as criminology, economics, law, philosophy, psychology, social psychology, and sociology. Further, other materials, usually in the form of reports to various governmental agencies, papers presented at professional conferences, and unpublished theses or dissertations, were particularly difficult to locate. Thus, we thought it would be useful to circulate what we had been able to compile for at least
two reasons. First, our primary intent was to provide other interested researchers with something which we felt would be of assistance to them in their own research efforts. Second, we thought that the circulation of a relatively large bibliography on deterrence might prompt some more extensive treatment of the topic in materials being prepared as basic or supplementary texts given that the deterrent effect of sanctions typically receives only superficial attention in the preponderance of texts at this time.

Judging purely from the volume of requests that we have received for the earlier version of this bibliography, there is a surprising level of interest in deterrence. We certainly hope that this interest continues and that our bibliographic work will prove to be of some initial assistance in that regard. Over the past few months we have tried to add relevant materials into the previous bibliography, and we have been assisted in that attempt by a number of people in the field who have been kind enough to forward copies of their own work as well as citations to the works of others.

To the extent that we could with our relatively limited library resources, we have tried to verify the references that are included, but this was not always possible. Thus, as you look through the bibliography we would certainly appreciate learning of any errors or omissions that you might note, and we would be particularly grateful for reprints of any papers or articles you might have authored. As more materials come to our attention, we will try to update and reissue the bibliography in a more complete form.

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