

Preface

This volume is intended for use as a rules pamphlet in any course in evidence. It contains the complete text of the Federal Rules of Evidence and the California Evidence Code, together with the official comments of the drafting committees and other pertinent legislative history. Proposed but unenacted provisions of the Federal Rules of Evidence are similarly set forth with their official comments and legislative history. We have also included the evidence provisions added to the California Constitution by popular initiatives in 1982 and 2008, along with a brief description of their background and effects. The rules collected here reflect amendments through December 31, 2023. This volume also includes proposed amendments to Federal Rules of Evidence: a new Rule 107, and changes to Rules 613, 801, 804, and 1006. These amendments are currently pending before the Supreme Court. If the Court approves them this spring, they will all take effect on December 1, 2024, absent congressional action.

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