

## FOREWORD

This book is designed to be used by both practicing attorneys and law students. With respect to attorneys, the book provides a ready reference for the appropriate objection to proffered evidence and, when facing an objection, the appropriate response in support of admissibility. The book's chapters group potential evidentiary objections by subject matter, making them easy to locate. Each section within a chapter contains a definition of the evidentiary matter, the forms of objection and response, a reprint of the controlling rule, and a practice commentary discussing the most common issues that trial attorneys confront. The book also delineates the evidentiary foundations necessary to admit evidence. In short, this book first outlines the appropriate way to offer evidence and oppose its offer during the pretrial preparation stage and acts as a quick reference at trial.

For law students, this book can be used either as the text for an evidence course or as a supplement to another text. This book not only provides students with a real understanding of the concepts underlying the rules of evidence, but also provides a model of good practice that enables them to understand the rules in an advocacy setting. In this way, the student can see how the rules of evidence apply in an advocacy setting. The book is also designed to be used as a supplementary text in both trial advocacy and clinical courses. By referring to this text, the student can readily solve potential evidentiary problems and move on to the more difficult tactical and advocacy issues presented by the case at hand.

This fifteenth edition incorporates all amendments current through December 1, 2023. We believe that this text can help lawyer and student alike in improving the level of trial advocacy practice in our courts.

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