

Preface

An essential go-to reference for law students, paralegals, and trial lawyers, *Evidence in Practice: Skills and Strategies for Pretrial and Trial, with Practice Exercises, Second Edition*, is a concise how-to manual for all things evidence.

Because traditional evidence courses focus on legal doctrine, law school graduates generally do not know how evidence law works in practice. Without that training, new lawyers are ill-equipped for pretrial litigation and trial work. *Evidence in Practice* provides that training with instruction, examples, and practice exercises (in Chapter 7).

Additionally, a wealth of companion resources are available on Casebook Connect and the Aspen Publishing website. They include case files and trial advocacy demonstration movie clips from the Freck Point Trial movie of a wrongful death case inspired by a true-crime thriller, *A Rose for Her Grave and Other True Cases*, by Ann Rule. Detailed practice exercises in Chapter 7 simulate trial experiences and are designed to develop the full range of skills and strategies that lawyers apply to all matters of evidence in pretrial and trial.

Evidence in Practice is versatile. The instructive text and online support are perfect as a stand-alone text for an Advanced Evidence law school or paralegal course, or as a supplemental skills component with a traditional evidence or trial advocacy casebook. It also can serve as an evidence handbook for trial lawyers. In sum, *Evidence in Practice* is useful from classroom to courtroom.