

Evidence

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Online Learning Platform:
Canvas

Materials:

Required Reading:

1. Learning Evidence: From the Federal Rules to the Courtroom, 5th Edition, 2022, Deborah Jones Merritt & Ric Simmons (“M&S”).

This textbook comes with an online eBook and digital resources (see inside the front cover of the textbook for registration instructions on West Academic). If you have a used textbook, you should purchase the digital resources by following [this link](#). It is important that you sign up for the digital resources right away, as I assign some of these materials to supplement your textbook reading.

2. Federal Rules of Evidence (“FRE”). Although the textbook contains an appendix with the Rules for quick reference, you will need the latest version of the FRE that includes the Advisory Committee’s Notes. Please make sure you bring to class an annotated copy of the rules assigned for that class.
3. Evidence Lab Packet (posted on Canvas).

Recommended Reading:

1. Goode, S & O. Willborn, Courtroom Evidence Handbook, Student Edition 2021-2022, West Academic 2021.
2. Jasmine B. Gonzales Rose, Toward a Critical Race Theory of Evidence, 101 Minn. L. Rev. 2243 (2017). (Available on Canvas)

First Assignment:

Monday, August 29th:

- M&S Chapters 1-5
- M&S c.5 quiz
- FRE 101, 103, 105

Wednesday, August 31st:

- M&S 6
- M&S c.6 quiz
- FRE 401, 402
- David M. Tanovich, *Safeguarding trials from racial bias*, Policy Options, Institute for Research on Public Policy, October 2, 2018. (Available on Canvas)

Friday, September 2nd:

- M&S 7, 8
- M&S c.7 quiz
- FRE 403