

NAVIGATION

ADMINISTRATION

Evidence

Your progress



U.S. federal rules of evidence are presented in this module. Topics covered include relevancy of evidence, character evidence, hearsay, impeachment of witnesses, expert testimony, authentication and privileges.

- Video ~ How to Take SVBS Courses
- Video ~ Welcome to our Course on Evidence
- Federal Rules of Evidence

Introduction to Evidence

Rules of evidence in U.S. Federal Courts.

- Reading ~ Evidence: An Overview
- Video ~ Evidence 1 ~ Introduction
- Slideshow Handout ~ Evidence 1 ~ Introduction
- Reference ~ Current Version of the Federal Rules of Evidence (FRE)
- Quickly scan the reference materials to acquaint yourself with the rules.
- Video ~ The Concepts and Rules of Evidence
- Video ~ The Rules of Evidence ~ Dramatized, Part 1
- Video ~ The Rules of Evidence ~ Dramatized, Part 2
- Video ~ Spoliation & Duty to Preserve Evidence
- Reading ~ Burden of Production
- Reading ~ Burden of Persuasion
- Q & A ~ Evidence ~ Introduction

Relevance

The admission of relevant evidence into U.S. federal court.

- Video ~ Evidence 2 ~ Relevancy
- Slideshow Handout ~ Evidence 2 ~ Relevancy
- Video ~ Relevance
- Reference ~ Relevance and its Limits
- Quickly scan the reference materials to acquaint yourself with the rules.
- Reading ~ Rule 401. Test for Relevant Evidence
- Video ~ Rule 401. Logical Relevance
- Reading ~ Rule 403. Excluding Relevant Evidence for Prejudice, Confusion, Waste of Time, or Other Reasons
- Video ~ Rule 403. Discretionary Relevance
- Reading ~ Rule 407. Subsequent Remedial Measures
- Reading ~ Rule 408. Compromise Offers and Negotiations
- Reading ~ Rule 409. Offers to Pay Medical and Similar Expenses
- Reading ~ Rule 410. Pleas, Plea Discussions, and Related Statements
- Reading ~ Rule 411. Liability Insurance
- Reading ~ Rule 412. Sex-Offense Cases: The Victim
- Reading ~ Rule 413. Similar Crimes in Sexual-Assault Cases
- Reading ~ Rule 414. Similar Crimes in Child Molestation Cases
- Reading ~ Rule 415. Similar Acts in Civil Cases Involving Sexual Assault or Child Molestation
- Q & A ~ Evidence ~ Relevancy

Character Evidence

Restricting evidence to the facts of the case at hand.

- Video ~ Evidence 3 ~ Character
- Slideshow Handout ~ Evidence 3 ~ Character
- Reading ~ Rule 404. Character Evidence: Crimes or Other Acts
- Reading ~ Rule 405. Methods of Proving Character
- Reading ~ Rule 406. Habit; Routine Practice
- Video ~ Character Evidence
- Q & A ~ Evidence ~ Character Evidence

Hearsay

Second-hand evidence. Reliability of testimony presented to the court.

- Video ~ Evidence 4 ~ Hearsay
- Slideshow Handout ~ Evidence 4 ~ Hearsay
- Video ~ Hearsay
- Video ~ Non-Hearsay
- Video ~ Overview of the Hearsay Rule
- Reading ~ Rule 801. Definitions
- Reading ~ Rule 802. The Rule Against Hearsay
- Reading ~ Rule 803. Exceptions to the Rule Against Hearsay
- Reading ~ Business Records Exception
- Reading ~ Rule 804. Hearsay Exceptions; Declarant Unavailable
- Reading ~ Rule 805. Hearsay Within Hearsay
- Reading ~ Rule 806. Attacking and Supporting the Declarant
- Reading ~ Rule 807. Residual Exception
- Q & A ~ Evidence ~ Hearsay

Witnesses & Impeachment

Challenging the reliability of witness testimony.

- Video ~ Evidence 5 ~ Witnesses & Impeachment
- Slideshow Handout ~ Evidence 5 ~ Witnesses & Impeachment
- Reading ~ Rule 601. Competency to Testify in General
- Reading ~ Rule 602. Need for Personal Knowledge
- Reading ~ Rule 607. Who May Impeach a Witness
- Reading ~ Rule 608. A Witness
- Reading ~ Rule 609. Impeachment by Evidence of a Criminal Conviction
- Video ~ Rule 608. Rule 609.
- Reading ~ Rule 610. Religious Beliefs or Opinions
- Reading ~ Rule 611. Mode and Order of Examining Witnesses and Presenting Evidence
- Reading ~ Rule 612. Writing Used to Refresh a Witness
- Reading ~ Rule 613. Witness's Prior Statement
- Reading ~ Rule 614. Court's Calling or Examining a Witness
- Reading ~ Rule 615. Excluding Witnesses
- Video ~ What is a Subpoena?
- Q & A ~ Evidence ~ Witnesses & Impeachment

Expert Witnesses

Expert witnesses, facts, opinions & conclusions.

- Reading ~ Expert Witness
- Video ~ Evidence 6 ~ Experts
- Slideshow Handout ~ Evidence 6 ~ Experts
- Video ~ What is an Expert Witness?
- Reading ~ Rule 701. Opinion Testimony by Lay Witnesses
- Reading ~ Rule 702. Testimony by Expert Witnesses
- Reading ~ Rule 703. Bases of an Expert
- Reading ~ Rule 704. Opinion on an Ultimate Issue
- Reading ~ Rule 705. Disclosing the Facts or Data Underlying an Expert
- Reading ~ Rule 706. Court-Appointed Expert Witnesses
- Q & A ~ Evidence ~ Expert Witnesses

Authentication

Validating the authenticity of evidence.

- Video ~ Evidence 7 ~ Authentication
- Slideshow Handout ~ Evidence 7 ~ Authentication
- Video ~ Authentication
- Reading ~ Rule 901. Authenticating or Identifying Evidence
- Reading ~ Rule 902. Evidence That Is Self-Authenticating
- Q & A ~ Evidence ~ Authentication

Writings, Recordings, Photographs

- Reading ~ Best Evidence Rule
- Reading ~ Rule 1001. Definitions
- Reading ~ Rule 1002. Requirements of the Original
- Video ~ Rule 1002. Best Evidence Rule
- Video ~ Rule 1002. Best Evidence Rule
- Reading ~ Rule 1003. Admissibility of Duplicates
- Reading ~ Rule 1004. Admissibility of Other Evidence of Content
- Reading ~ Rule 1005. Copies of Public Records to Prove Content
- Reading ~ Rule 1006. Summaries to Prove Content
- Reading ~ Rule 1007. Testimony or Statement of a Party to Prove Content
- Reading ~ Rule 1008. Functions of the Court and Jury
- Q & A ~ Evidence ~ Writings, Recordings, Photographs

Privileges

Evidence excluded regardless of relevancy or reliability.

- Video ~ Evidence 8 ~ Privileges
- Slideshow Handout ~ Evidence 8 ~ Privileges
- Reading ~ Rule 501. Privilege in General
- Reading ~ Rule 502. Attorney-Client Privilege and Work Product; Limitations on Waiver
- Video ~ Spousal & Other Privileges
- Video ~ Attorney Client Privilege
- Q & A ~ Evidence ~ Privileges

California Rules

Contrasting Californian & Federal Rules.

- Video ~ Evidence ~ California Rules
- Slideshow Handout ~ Evidence ~ California Rules
- Q & A ~ Evidence ~ California Rules

Certificate of Completion

- Evidence Quiz