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The Honourable René J. Marin Release No. 4, November 2024

What's New in this Update:

This release features updates to the Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 8.

Highlights:

- 1:8. Introduction—The Possible Relation between the Reid Technique and False Statements—The trial judge admitted the statements of the accused and noted that the use of the Reid Technique, or any other interrogation strategy, requires the trial court to carefully assess the effect its use had on the accused: *R. v. Blake*, 2024 ONSC 3309 (Ont. S.C.J.).
- 2:64. Taking a Statement—Absence of Police Written Notes, a Fatal Deficiency Admissibility of a Statement on a Voir Dire—The court sitting as a summary conviction appeal court allowed the Crown's appeal and found that the trial judge erred in excluding a statement as involuntary because it was not verbatim: *R. v. Remley*, 2024 ONSC 543 (Ont. S.C.J.).

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• 3:13. Statements by Young Persons—Videotaped Statements Admitted under Section 715.1 of the Criminal Code—An appeal was dismissed on the basis that the complainant demonstrated that she adopted her statement even though she was unclear on what a "lie" was. The court was satisfied that the complainant had amply demonstrated adoption: *R. v. AMB*, 2024 NSCA 49 (N.S.C.A.).