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### **CRIMINAL LAW EVIDENCE, PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE**

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This publication offers step-by-step guidance to more than 60 evidentiary, procedural and practice topics that arise in criminal law practice.

This release features updates to the commentary and case law in the following chapters: 2 (Adjournments), 9 (Arrest and Detention), 16 (Character Evidence), 17 (Children and Vulnerable Witnesses), 19 (Confessions), 29 (Estreatment Procedure (Forfeiture of Recognizance)), 30 (Exclusion, Absconding or Absence of Accused from Court Room), and 34 (Expert Opinion Evidence).

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## Release Highlights

New cases discussed with this release include the following:

- **Adjournments** – According to the Court of Appeal for Ontario, in instances when a sudden crisis precludes the attendance of counsel or a witness, the word of counsel should generally suffice to support the application for adjournment, without need for an affidavit or other evidence: *R. v. Dunnett*, 2025 ONCA 392, 2025 CarswellOnt 8292 (Ont. C.A.).
- **Character Evidence of the Accused** – Saskatchewan’s Court of Appeal cautioned that, although evidence of prior violence is routinely admitted in domestic violence cases, this does not relieve the trial judge, even in a judge-alone trial, from assessing the admissibility of such evidence before admitting it: *R. v. Stettner*, 2024 SKCA 88, 2024 Carswell-Sask 372 (Sask. C.A.).

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