

Introduction to the 2025-2026 Update

This update includes opinions and legislation through June 2025.

Kay Redding processed the longhand manuscript efficiently as she has often before.

Some highlights:

State v. Foster, 20 N.W.3d 6 (Minn. 2025) held that a defendant may be allowed to call as a witness an alleged alternative perpetrator who will assert the privilege against self-incrimination.

In *State v. Oberton*, 10 N.W.3d 64 (Minn. 2024) the court reviewed and refined the requirements for summary criminal contempt punishment.

State v. Sardina-Padilla, 7 N.W.3d 585 (Minn. 2024) examined the requirements for warrants to search social media.

State v. Valdez, 12 N.W.3d 191 (Minn. 2024) held that where defense of another is involved the accused has no duty to retreat. § 47:22.

State v. Heller, 12 N.W.3d 452 (Minn. 2024) examined at length alternative perpetrator evidence.

The Court of Appeals examined the use of support animals for witnesses in *State v. Fernandez Sorto*, 12 N.W.3d 207 (Minn. Ct. App. 2024). § 32:109.