

PREFACE

This supplement includes developments reflecting legislation and court opinions since the publication of the third edition of this volume in August 2012. Major legislative developments through the 2022 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature are addressed, including new offenses (see Highlights, p. iii) statutory clarification of form of verdicts, jury role and burden of proof previously addressed in Section 1:1, and the addition of memory and eyewitness expert instruction with comments.

Reference to the Main Volume(s) prior prefaces which acknowledge the contributions of many to the original volume development is appropriate, and those contributions are again recognized here.

Maintaining necessary or helpful historical context is difficult with brief comments, but continues to be attempted, even though not fully adequate in many cases. This makes particularly appropriate a reiteration that the instructions have not been approved by reviewing courts, and that critical review by the court and counsel is necessary.

In terms of use and organization, Section 1:1 is believed central to provide assistance in understanding the functional organization of the instructions, rather than by statutory placement. The “Table of Statutes and Rules” in the main volume and this supplement provide a convenient index referenced to the Revised Statutes.

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