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WHAT'S NEW IN THE 2025-2026 EDITION

Designed for in-court and outside use, *Nebraska Trials* provides efficient access to the principles of trial law in both civil and criminal cases. It provides fast access to basic principles, plus concise treatment of the law's critical aspects. Proper authority is cited for every statement, including Nebraska and federal caselaw. The text concentrates on procedural and substantive aspects of trial, analyzes the most up-to-date Nebraska trial caselaw, rules, and statutes, and offers guidance for a more profitable practice.

This title includes caselaw and statutory references current through July 2025. New developments are discussed in the following areas, among many others:

- § 2:8. General conduct of the judge
- § 3:1. Applications and motions
- § 9:4. Burden of proof in certain situations or kinds of civil cases
- § 23:12. Summaries of voluminous writings, recordings or photographs—Evidence Rule 1006
- § 30:32. Suppression of evidence obtained through invalid search warrant
- § 38:11. Sentencing hearing and allocution in criminal cases
- § 38:14. Appeals in civil cases

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Judge Morris was appointed United States Immigration Judge for Nebraska and Iowa in 2009. He later served two terms as an Appellate Immigration Judge on the U.S. court of immigration appeals (called the Board of Immigration Appeals) in Washington, D.C. He is now a United States Immigration Judge in Hartford, Connecticut, where he is one of two judges who preside over Immigration Court cases for Connecticut and the western half of Massachusetts. He formerly was Assistant Chief Counsel for the United States Department of Homeland Security in Nebraska. Before that he served for 15 years as an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska, where he handled civil litigation and criminal prosecutions. Earlier, he was Senior Corporate Counsel for the Mutual of Omaha Insurance Companies. Before becoming a judge, he was a partner in the Omaha office of the law firm now known as Husch Blackwell, LLP.

Judge Morris served as president of the Omaha Bar Association and was a founding member and served two terms as president of the Omaha chapter of the American Inns of Court. He is a former Adjunct Professor of Law at Creighton University School of Law, where he taught trial practice. He received a law degree (JD) and master's degree in business administration (MBA) from Creighton University, and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) from the University of Nebraska Omaha. He is the author of *Federal Tort Claims* and has written the annual supplement for that treatise (also available on Westlaw) since its publication in 1993. He has updated and reissued this book, *Nebraska Trials*, annually since its publication in 1995.

Judge Morris's latest legal treatise for Thomson Reuters West is *Connecticut Civil Practice Forms, 5th Ed.*, for which he was also the author of the 2022-2023 update to the 4th edition. His 2-volume revision of that publication, *Connecticut Civil Practice Forms, 5th Ed.*, (annotated) was published in 2023 and was updated, revised and reissued in 2024 and 2025. His children's book, *Mark Twain's Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County Edited for Children* was published in 2024 as a part of the 150-year anniversary of Mark Twain's home (where Mark Twain wrote most of his most famous books) being built in

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