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Handbook of Federal Evidence, 10th 2026 Update

That this longstanding treatise compelled a Tenth Edition attests to the breadth of developments in this field so central to a litigation practice and Authors Michael Graham and Elizabeth Honkonen's determination to capture it. Now comes the first annual update of the 10th Edition.

Filing Instructions

- REMOVE and RECYCLE the two softcover volumes dated 2025 (the READY ACCESS volume and the APPENDICES-TABLES-INDEX volume). Shelve in their places the two 2026 softcover volumes.
- PLACE the new 2026 Pocket Parts for bound volumes 2-8 into the back pocket of each bound volume. You should then have on your shelf Volumes 1-9, all in their 2026 condition.

Highlights

Depth of analysis invites a “READY ACCESS” tool. Shortly after the Evidence Rules were first adopted in 1975, West engaged Michael Graham to analyze them in a new Handbook. In writing and maintaining this work across more than 45 years, the author has considered every published case regarding these Rules. The result is today what was the beginning goal: “to provide the trial attorney and presiding judge – whether in court, in chambers, or in the office – a clear, precise, and, where possible, concise statement of what the law of evidence is in a convenient-to-use format.” As the authored analysis now extends to over 9,000 pages in seven bound volumes, the one-volume READY ACCESS softcover gives users a handy and portable quick reference guide to the larger treatise. As described in its Preface, READY ACCESS enables one to reach a destination ASAP in print or online. The textual analysis of READY ACCESS evolves every year, pacing the main-volume pocket parts.

Varying features for different user needs. In the 10th Edition, most sections are followed by ADVOCACY NOTES, which consist of reference to state authority, frequently conflicting, representing areas of the law of evidence either not explored or incompletely explored by federal case law. The NOTES provide a

quality attorney with a larger arsenal of evidentiary argument options. The READY ACCESS volume contains numerous ILLUSTRATIONS, presented in practical scenario form, which are designed to explore the operation of a particular Rule or concept in practice. Second, at the end of a limited number of sections, PERSPECTIVES explore an area or issue where lack of clarity, if not conflict or confusion, exists, i.e. particularly difficult issues.

A tale of two Westlaw databases. The Graham Handbook 10th database can be reached via FEDEVID. A related product, to be found only online at WINEVID (conjuring “Winning Evidence Arguments”), mirrors the federal Handbook content, but replaces its voluminous footnotes with support from state cases selected from across the country. These footnotes provide authority which might be more persuasive in a “jurisdictional” setting. FEDEVID or WINEVID for parallel purposes.

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