

## Author's Introduction to the 2025 Edition

The 2025 Edition of *Federal Rules of Evidence* addresses a number of important new developments. It reports and analyzes recent amendments, useful new cases, and other matters affecting practice. Highlights of this year's update include:

- A new Rule 107 on illustrative aids has been added. It went into effect on December 1, 2024. We have also included a new Practice Comment, and the Advisory Committee Notes, on it.
- Amendments to Rules 613, 801, 804 and 1006, which went into effect on December 1, 2024, have been incorporated into the treatise along with updated commentary and the Advisory Committee Notes on the amendments.
- Additional discussion and recent case law regarding the deference due trial judges in making Rule 403 rulings.
- There is new discussion of recent case law on admission of violent music videos or media posts of defendant and similar evidence.
- There is new discussion of Rule 704(b) after the 2024 decision of the Supreme Court in *Diaz v. United States*.
- Included is extensive analysis of the 2024 Supreme Court decision in *Smith v. Arizona* on testimony of experts basing their opinion testimony on forensic reports of non-testifying analysts and the Confrontation Clause issues that creates.

In addition, throughout the 2025 Edition, cases have been updated, additional coverage has been added, and discussions have been broadened to include new facets where appropriate.

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