

## Introduction to the 2025 Edition

This comprehensive, two-volume treatise provides detailed discussion and analysis of the privileges that may arise in government and internal investigations, discovery, evidentiary hearings, and at trial, including the attorney-client privilege, the work product protection, the accountant-client privilege, the privilege against self-incrimination, spousal privileges, the clergy communications privilege, the physician-patient/psychotherapist-patient privilege, the journalist's privilege, executive and governmental privileges, the settlement negotiations privilege, and the self-critical analysis privilege.

The 2025 edition of *Testimonial Privileges* includes a special foreword authored in May 2014 by The Honorable John M. Facciola, retired United States Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, introducing the reader to the importance of privileged communications in modern-day society and underscoring the need for legal practitioners to have a firm understanding of privilege law. In addition, each chapter of the treatise includes updates capturing significant changes in the law of privilege since the last edition.