

## Introduction to 2025 Edition

For this Edition, the authors examined and assessed every Louisiana court decision of the past year dealing with matters falling within the scope of the Evidence Code and closely related matters. Amended or supplemented Authors' Notes briefly summarize, explain, or criticize cases dealing with Code Articles 103, 201, 202, 304, 401, 404, 406, 407, 408, 409, 412.2, 412.4, 413, 504, 507, 510, 606, 611, 615, 701, 702, 803, 804, 901, 902, 905, 1004, and 1101. This edition also updates any additions, repeals or amendments to its various Louisiana or federal statutes affecting Louisiana's evidence law and includes additional scholarly articles dealing with evidentiary matters.

Notably, five Code Articles were amended or enacted, effective July 2024:

Article 411 was amended to repeal section (D), relative to disclosures to jurors regarding insurance coverage for the damages claimed by the plaintiff in cases brought under R.S. 22:1269(B)(1)(a) through (g).

Article 604 was amended to make clear that the regulation and use of court-appointed interpreters in court proceedings are set forth in the Rules of the Louisiana Supreme Court, and to observe the distinction between interpretation and translation.

Article 604.1 was enacted to set forth the procedure for objecting to the qualifications of a court-appointed interpreter and selecting an interpreter when a qualified interpreter is not available.

Article 702 was amended to align the language of the article with the 2023 amendments to Rule 702 of the Federal Rules of Evidence.

Finally, Article 1105 was enacted to establish the burden of proof for civil proceedings in which the defense of self-defense is raised.