

## Author Introduction to the 2025-2026 Edition

This 2025-2026 edition of *Expert Witnesses in Civil Trials: Effective Preparation and Presentation* aims to keep you current on important recent developments in federal and state statutes, rules, and case law pertaining to experts. *Expert Witnesses in Civil Trials* is updated and written from the perspective of active practicing trial lawyers, ever watchful of developments that shape best practices for the utilization of expert witnesses to create the most compelling trial presentation possible.

### What's New in the 2025-2026 Edition

The 2025-2026 edition incorporates important updates in expert jurisprudence from the past year and highlights a number of important and developing issues for the practitioner, including:

- A new section with analysis of expert issues in sports betting in light of the *Murphy v. NCAA* decision by the United States Supreme Court, which struck down the federal ban on state-sanctioned sports betting. This decision opened the door to a rapid proliferation of legal sports wagering across the nation and a parallel explosion of civil and criminal matters centered on protecting the integrity of betting markets, raising many interesting and complicated issues of expert testimony, and we discuss those issues here. (See § 2:68).
- Analysis of important new Circuit Court opinions from across the country bearing on Federal Rules of Evidence 701-706 and *Daubert* issues. (See § § 2:5 to 2:17).
- Updating on state-by-state treatments of and adoptions of *Daubert* and its progeny. (See §§ 2:54 to 2:66).

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treatise your go-to resource for working with experts, from retention to trial presentation. We welcome reader feedback concerning the strategies recommended, cases that might also be included, or (heaven forbid) outright errors. Happy litigating!

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