

INTRODUCTION TO THE 2026-2027 EDITION

Trial Handbook for South Carolina Lawyers (Fifth Edition) is a practical trial guide designed to be kept at your fingertips, in the heat of trial. You'll find clear and concise treatment of every critical aspect of practicing trial law in South Carolina. It concentrates on both procedural and substantive aspects of trial. It analyzes the most up-to-date South Carolina trial case law, rules, and statutes. Proper authority is cited for every statement, including the most recent South Carolina and federal case law. In this 2026-2027 pamphlet, you will find new and updated discussion regarding stages to which right to counsel attaches, continuances and stays of proceedings, appointment of receiver prior to judgment, levels of intent to render criminal liability, evidentiary standards of relevance, expert testimony qualifications and subject matter, party-opponent admissions in the form of conduct, scientific test results as real or demonstrative evidence, competency of a juror to testify, premature jury deliberations and mistrial, defendant's right to setoff jury verdict, judgment in nonjury actions, motions to alter or amend judgments, procedure for taxation of costs, directed verdicts and motions for new trial or amended judgment, grounds for a new trial, alternative dispute resolution, limitations of a pre-judgment receiver for enforcement of judgements, and much more. The 2026-2027 Edition is current through June, 2026.