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Introduction to the 2026-2027 Edition

Trial Handbook for Utah Lawyers is an essential resource for every Utah litigator. In a step-by-step approach, the work covers evidentiary, procedural, and substantive aspects of trial; examines trial caselaw, rules, and statutes; and covers a full range of trial topics and issues specific to Utah.

This 2026-2027 Edition replaces the 2025-2026 Edition in its entirety.

Highlights

- A “court proceeding” means any trial, hearing or other matter involving a participant and may include remote court proceedings. (UT R. Jud. Admin. Rule 4-401, § 1:1)
- Number of jurors (State v. Millett, § 5:6)
- Bias and prejudice (State v. Taylor, § 5:17)
- Burden of proof—Eminent domain (Utah Department of Transportation v. Boggess-Draper Company, LLC, § 7:14)
- Witnesses not disclosed to opposition (Utah Rules Civ. Proc. 26(9)(C), § 12:19)
- Operation of machinery—Autonomous “machine-generated evidence” (Utah R. Evid. Rule 707, § 17:23)
- Declarations against interest (State v. Farmer, § 26:13)
- Attorneys’ fees (Aston v. Chronicle-Progress LLC, § 32:10)
- Collateral source rule (Gardner v. Norman, § 2:9)
- Effect of improper conduct of jurors (State v. Camara, § 37:12)

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