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PREFACE

This edition of the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure was prepared with the practicing attorney, law students, and the trial judge in mind. Hopefully, it will be a quick resource for questions and problems concerning procedural issues in Louisiana courts.

The new changes that were passed in the 2025 Legislative session are detailed in the beginning section. Changes were made to Articles 253 and 1551 to provide for disclosures of AI generated documents and exhibits and possible contempt if an attorney fails to disclose the use of AI generated documents. A major change was made to Article 1915 to remove the ability of a trial judge to certify partial judgments as appealable. Under the revision, partial judgments, not listed in Article 1915(A), are interlocutory judgments and are not appealable. Attorneys who practice succession law should be aware of the changes in probating testaments in both the Civil Code and Code of Civil Procedure. I have also updated the Checklist for Summary Judgment, which is followed by a detailed list of current cases on summary judgment issues that are organized to follow the structure of Article 966. I hope this is a resource for all attorneys, judges and law students and hopefully may answer the many questions that are asked in summary judgment practice.

Included in this edition are many checklists which will help both the trial judge and attorney as well as law students taking Louisiana Civil Procedure. Of particular interest are the checklists for divorces, successions, partitions, tutorship and interdictions as well as the summary judgment checklist mentioned above. Also included is a Table of Delays and Required Security which must be posted. Both are intended as a quick reference and not a substitute for reading the actual articles.

The Editor's Notes under the various articles are my personal opinions and are limited deliberately to my evaluation of what authority or analysis beyond the article itself is needed to apply the provisions of the article correctly. I have added many more Official Comments for individual articles, which I hope will aid in the application and understanding of the provisions.

The appendix of statutory provisions at the end of the volume is comprised of those statutes that in my judgment the members of the Bar and judges most often consult in conjunction with procedural problems. The Code of Evidence articles, selected Civil Code Articles, and Revised Statutes are included in the appendix so that this one pamphlet may be brought to court and used by both attorneys and the District Court Judges. In many cases, the editor's notes will direct you to the appropriate statutory provision, which is necessary for a full understanding of the code article.

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