

Preface to the 2026 Edition

For over fifty years, this text has compiled, coordinated, and commented on developments for most common trial issues. It has become a standard resource for many judges and lawyers. Formerly known as Trial Handbook for Ohio Lawyers, as the most comprehensive single volume publication for Ohio Trial Practice, it proudly now wears that title.

This text answers critical questions that a lawyer can and will face in almost every trial. Some lawyers carry it with them to their trials. Others use it to check out last-minute issues in their offices. Some senior lawyers give it to newer practitioners when they begin their practices.

With more than 14,000 citations, this 2026 Edition continues to focus the trial lawyer's search for governing constitutional provisions, statutes, rules, and precedent.

This 2026 Edition replaces the 2025 Edition in its entirety.

Highlights

- Exclusion of witnesses (*State v. Greenawalt*, § 11:6)
- Victim's character in a criminal case (*State v. Kinard*, § 15:20)
- Confidential nature of attorney communication (*TCE Tall Oaks, L.L.C. v. Fifth Third Bank, National Association*, § 19:8)
- Nature of judicially noticeable fact (*State ex rel. Watkins v. McNamara*, § 20:5)
- Authentication of text messages (*State v. Goings*, § 22:21)
- Hearsay exception—Excited utterance (*State v. Oatneal*, § 26:9)
- Judicial admission (*Drouhard v. Thompson*, § 27:10)
- Prohibition against illegal search and seizure (*State v. Diaw*, § 29:3)
- Compromise offer (*Mikes Handyman/HVAC Service, LLC v. DiFiore*, § 30:7)
- Attorney fees—Statutory remedies (R.C. 2323.51(B)(2), *Friedman v. Bexley Public Library*, § 34:10)
- Improper conduct of juror (*State v. Williams*, § 37:11)
- Expungement of criminal record (*State v. M.F.*, § 39:27)
- Updated appendices

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