

PREFACE TO THE 2026 EDITION

The Courtroom Handbook on Nevada Evidence is a compact, all-inclusive guide to the rules and laws of evidence in the State of Nevada. Though suitable for a desk reference, the Handbook's primary role is for use while in the courtroom. By taking a practice-oriented approach, the Handbook is intended to help reduce the risk of wasting precious time or missing a potential argument. Much thought went into the design and layout of the Handbook. To provide a common reference point for all attorneys, we organized Chapter 8 of this Handbook by the Federal Rule Number with reference to the corresponding Nevada Revised Statutes. Chapter 8 is comprised of the annotated version of the Nevada Rules of Evidence. Attorneys can use this for quick access to relevant case law while engaged in argument. We also included select Civil Rules of Procedure from various jurisdictions. Practicing attorneys can use this section to find the appropriate rules at a moment's notice. The tables contain a summary of common objections and responses as well as evidentiary foundations. We designed the tables as checklists for use while in the courtroom. Each checklist provides a step-by-step script to assist with courtroom evidentiary procedures.

This 2026 Edition replaces the 2025 Edition of this Handbook. The Handbook is a constant work in progress. To reflect changes in the law, we intend to make revisions on a regular basis. The case law cited in the Handbook is current through December 31, 2025.

On September 14, 2017, the Supreme Court of Nevada issued an order amending Rule 36 of the Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure providing that a party may cite an unpublished disposition issued by the Supreme Court on or after January 1, 2016, for its persuasive authority. As a result, beginning with the 2018 Edition, relevant Supreme Court of Nevada unpublished opinions are included in this Handbook.

On August 15, 2024, the Supreme Court of Nevada issued an order amending Rule 36 of the Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure providing that a party may cite an unpublished disposition issued by the Court of Appeals on or after August 15, 2024, for its persuasive authority. As a result, beginning with the 2025 Edition, relevant Court of Appeals of Nevada unpublished opinions are included in this Handbook.

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Handbook. The Handbook includes changes based upon their valuable feedback.