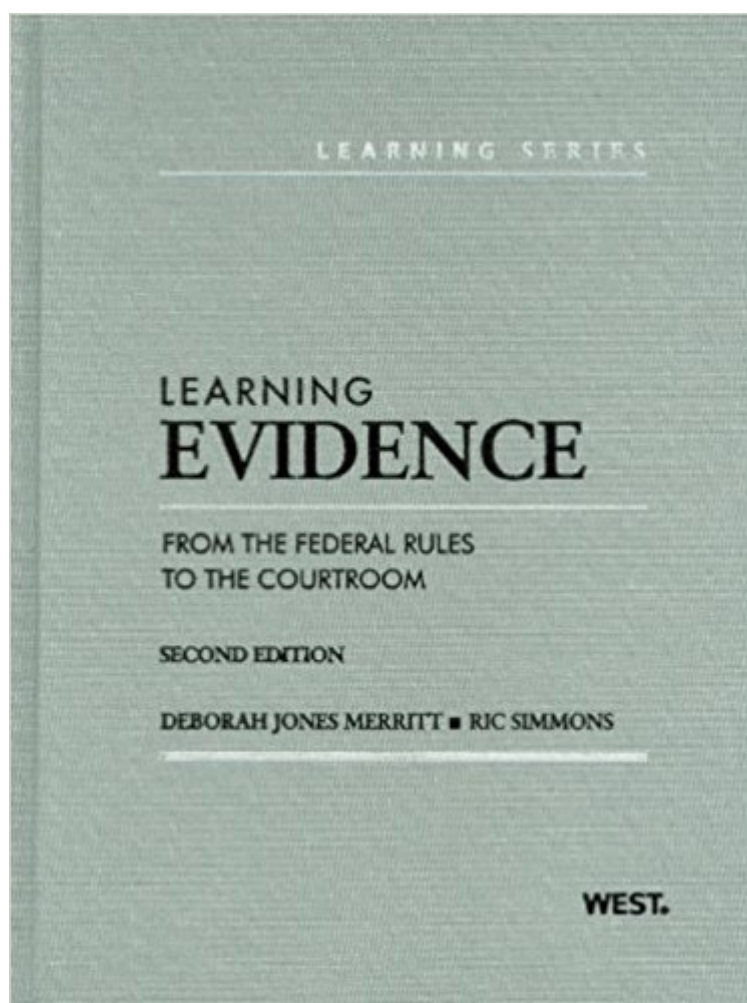


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# Learning Evidence: From The Federal Rules To The Courtroom, 2d (Learning Series) (American Casebook: Learning)



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

This book is supposed to be a casebook but it is more like a supplement because it is remarkably clear. My professor used a different casebook but I purchased this one because a friend of mine in a different evidence class showed it to me. I am still amazed how well this book is organized and how quickly I understood evidence once I switched books. Every chapter starts with an overview/intro then goes into explaining the rule in detail. Then the rule is broken down into components and each component is given real case examples with brief facts and analysis. This is where the book shines. Breaking down the rule into component parts is what you will have to do for an exam. Certain parts of the rule are more difficult than others to resolve and you will quickly learn what to focus on. Also, throughout the chapter there are notations to show where the law is settled and where it is in flux. This is great to know because these topics are typically tested on evidence exams. There is a Federal Rule index and general index, both are fantastic and make it very easy to find what you are looking for. The chapters themselves are very logically designed so there is not a lot of overlap within each chapter. This allows you to focus on one thing at a time, unlike other

casebooks. I am only in my second year of law school but I have read a lot of casebooks and supplements out of curiosity. This book is far superior to anything I have seen. It is clear, to the point and pleasant to read for an evidence book. It is a great feeling to have this book with you because evidence seems to be one of the most difficult law school classes. I don't usually write reviews but this book made me feel obligated to get on and write reviews for all of my books. It is by far the best law school book I have read. As a side note another book that was helpful at the end of the semester was Lexis' Q&A. It gives a lot of multiple choice questions. Half of my exam was multiple choice and the Q&A gives you an idea of all the tricky ways a professor may try to fool you.

I am still amazed how well thought out and easy to read this book is compared to all the other law school books. This book definitely bucks the long-standing tradition in law school textbooks. It isn't a casebook - thank god; yet it has plenty of short case summaries, which are used to illustrate various rules of evidence. They are easy to remember, and if give you enough to understand the application of the rule without the usual overload of case-specific detail (if you wanted to know more about a case, no problem, we all have westlaw or lexis). The only criticism I have heard is that the book occasionally errs on the side of devoting a few too many paragraphs to explanation. That's fine with me. It is a lot easier to skip a paragraph in this book than the usual non-explanation or multitude of footnotes in the typical case book. Probably a lot of the reasons for this book being so great is because this style of book is well-suited to this particular subject, which requires an examination of rules in isolation and then piecing them together separately. However, I wonder why textbooks for other subjects could not have been approached this way.

I could go on, but this "casebook" has beat any other "traditional" law school text by miles. The case summaries are memorable and illustrate the topic at hand well. The authors do a wonderful job leading you through the rules. The only suggested changes would be to delete a few superfluous paragraphs and to perhaps use different symbols for diagrams. Other than that I hope this text starts a REVOLUTION in the way law school classes have been traditionally taught. I plan on writing the authors a nice letter if I have a chance--I really feel that strongly about the thoughtful structure put in place. Law professors: please take note.

I loved learning evidence, and this book is so comprehensive and to the point. The examples don't bog you down in legalese, the book is easy to read, and dare I say, actually interesting? Very well written and appeals to linear thinkers as well as visual learners. At the end of each chapter is a

quick review which I found very helpful.10/10

really easy to read. great hypos to apply rules of evidence and understand concepts. summary pages at the end of each chapter are helpful as well.

If you have to learn evidence, this is the least painful way to accomplish the goal.

I wasn't excited about Evidence, which is a required class at my school. This book changed my perspective though. It was well written, edited, and made the material very accessible. I hope more professors chose to use it in their course.

Though our prof does not teach directly from the book, this is a great supplement that gives good scenarios to help you understand the rules of evidence. Worth the purchase!

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