

# Using the FEDERAL EVIDENCE REVIEW

Each monthly issue of the FEDERAL EVIDENCE REVIEW surveys evidence cases and issues from the prior month. The issue provides multiple levels for assessment. You decide the level of information you need based on the issues of greatest importance for your practice. In using the REVIEW many consider a three-part strategy:

## 1. Evidence In Focus

Most readers begin with the *Evidence In Focus* section, starting on the first page of each REVIEW. *Evidence In Focus* briefly highlights many of the notable evidence issues and controversies arising in the cases covered in the REVIEW. This feature also provides hyperlinks to other parts of the REVIEW with more information on the issues identified.

## 2. Evidence Case Docket

The *Evidence Case Docket* (p. 612) provides a “snapshot” of recent evidence cases, organized by evidence rule or principle. This Docket includes most of the published evidence rulings issued during the prior month. Each case summary includes an evidence principle, which is numbered, and presents basic case information. Each case summary also provides a link to the case as issued by the circuit, which can be used on-line or printed out. The Docket also provides links to related blog posts in the *Federal Evidence Blog* <http://federaledge.com/blog>.

### 3. Circuits At A Glance

A summary of the evidence issues that arise in each case appears in the *Circuits At A Glance*. See more at (p. 694).

**Circuit covered** →

**Case name** →

**Case link** →

**Blog post link** →

**Evidence issues arising in case** →

### How to Read a Citation in the REVIEW

Judges listed are circuit judges from the circuit of the decision. The following labeling conventions are used: (CCJ) - Chief Circuit Judge; (SCJ) - Senior Circuit Judge; (DJ) - District Judge. A circuit designation appearing after a judge's name indicates the judge is from outside the circuit; thus "(Hug (9th))" identifies the name and circuit (e.g. Ninth Circuit Judge Procter Hug, Jr.)

**The exact date of the opinion is noted**

**Court docket Number**

**The author of the opinion is underlined**

**The panel that decided the case is listed**

### Abbreviations Used by the Review:

- **FRE** indicates a FEDERAL RULE OF EVIDENCE
- **ACN** indicates the Advisory Committee's Notes on the Federal Rules of Evidence
- [ ] material inside brackets indicates for any case in which a full citation has been provided the page number in that cited case where any particular quoted or cited text is found
- When an internet address is **highlighted in blue**, this indicates that a link is provided to that case or source. The reader need only click on the highlighted address while on-line and the user's web browser can retrieve a free PDF of the case or source from [www.FederalEvidence.com](http://www.FederalEvidence.com).