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# *PREFACE*

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This book is written for students in evidence and trial practice courses. The focus is on the Federal Rules of Evidence, which have been adopted in one form or another in over forty jurisdictions. In addition, the California Code of Evidence is compared with the Federal Rules at the end of each chapter. Appendices include both the Federal Rules and the Code, a federal-California conversion table, and a list of major differences between the two sets of rules.

In 40 years of teaching, one's debt to past scholars is immense. Morgan, Wignore, McCormick, Ladd, and Maguire immediately come to mind. The debt is no less to current scholars: Weinstein, Berger, Inwinkelried, Broun, Mosteller, Nance, Park, Mueller, Kirkpatrick, Ken Graham, and Michael Graham, to name but a few.

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