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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. Since the last edition, the Supreme Court adopted amendments to the Federal Rules of Evidence. The major ones deal with hearsay issues under the residual exception and notice provisions for other acts evidence. In addition, the Supreme Court further defined the parameters of the approach to Confrontation Clause jurisprudence that it embarked on in *Crawford v. Washington*. The new case is *Hemphill v. New York* (2022). There also continues to be an increased focus on the use of electronically stored information in litigation.

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