Evidence law is full of simple rules, complex rules, hard problems with satisfying answers, and hard problems that can never be resolved to everyone’s agreement. This makes the subject difficult but rewarding. For a student beginning the course, “Participation precedes interest” might be a helpful slogan. Once you get involved with the course, you will like it, and you will master its various levels of complexity.

This text is designed to make participation easy. For every topic, it presents questions of different degrees of difficulty. It also provides clear explanations of how to analyze the questions. I hope you’ll like this text, and I hope you’ll like your Evidence course. Because evidence law can affect all areas of law practice, learning its rules and doctrines is a project that deserves your attention.

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