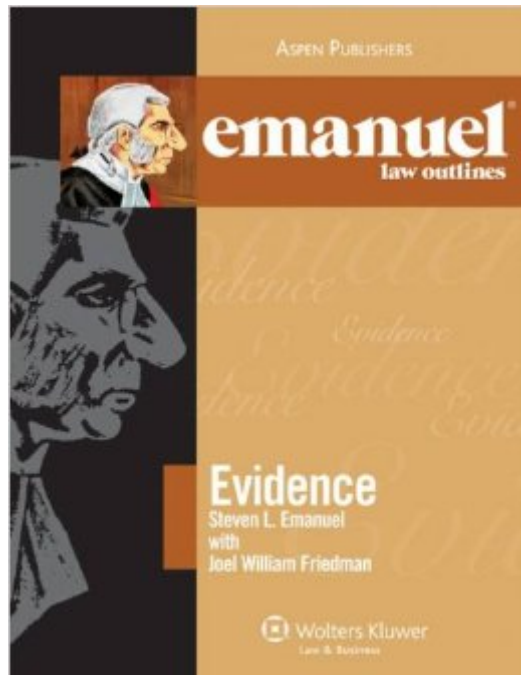


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Couldn't ask for better summaries and reviews of subjects. I should have read this at the start of the semester instead of only at the end.

All my professor cared about is the federal rules of evidence. This study guide talks at length about common law, and the federal rules are only discussed in this book as they relate to the common law. I do not recommend this book if your class focuses mainly on the federal rules. My class used Evidence, 3d (University Casebooks).

When I am making my own outlines, I refer to Emmanuels in every class they produce an outline. The Evidence Outline is well organized. I love the capsule outlines. It's like an annotated table of contents with cross-tabs to a more detailed outline.

I got an A on the exam in a very difficult class. True, there is a lot of information to digest but that is because Hearsay alone is about 150 pages. As another reviewer wrote, there is some common law stuff in the book which adds to the length but if you are only required to know the FRE, then just skip over those areas. Even if you read them, the common law stuff is there for a reason and can usually help you to understand the federal rule a bit better. Either way, start reading this a few weeks before the exam and you'll be fine.

This book is helpful if you commit to reading it on Day 1 of the semester. There is an enormous amount of information and at least 75% of the cases you go over in your class are probably also briefed in this book. However, the book spends just as much if, not more time, explaining common law than the Federal Rules of Evidence. I can't speak for other schools, but I only needed to know

the FRE and was not expected to know the common law. I think on the bar exam, the examiners also use the FRE as the barometer for measuring whether evidence is admissible or inadmissible. It was sorta annoying to read 3 pages on the common law, and then have the author basically contradict everything you just read when he explains the FRE. For efficiency, the author should have devoted maybe a little time to the background of the FRE, in citing common law. But it's too much to know the common law, the exceptions to the common law in certain jurisdictions, the FRE all in one chapter. Also, every case cited uses the FRE as the test in determining what evidence shall be admitted. Since everyone who buys these books are law students, I'd prefer something more tailored to the needs of a person preparing for a final than something that has information purely for didactic purposes.

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