

AN OVERVIEW OF IMPORTANT NINTH CIRCUIT EVIDENCE LAW DECISIONS OF 2004

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I. INTRODUCTION

These cases represent a sampling of opinions written on the subject of evidence during the past eighteen months. These cases were chosen for their value as practice pointers and good examinations of the state of law regarding the different evidentiary issues. In many cases, these evidentiary rulings are intertwined with law regarding constitutional and criminal procedure. This is unavoidable as the laws of evidence were created to maintain the fair and righteous administration of justice.

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