

Intro. to Law
Chapter 12 Notes
“Evidence”

Introduction

- each _____ has an _____ which regulates their respective rules of evidence
- Federal Rules of Evidence govern evidence in the federal court system
- rules of evidence are established to determine what is and what is not evidence and encourages _____, helps avoid _____, and assists in ascertaining the _____

What is Evidence?

Four Basic Types of Evidence:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Testimony of a Witness

Testimony =>

- subpoena =>

Lay Witness -

Expert Witness -

- _____ are the primary method of presenting a case in our _____ system

- foundation => must be established before a _____ may testify; preliminary questions are asked to connect the _____ with the _____ sought to be admitted

Exhibits

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1. _____ Evidence (_____ Evidence)

- a physical object that is involved in the case

2. _____ Evidence

- type of actual evidence including writings such as reports, business records, and correspondence

3. _____ Evidence

- a type of actual evidence or exhibits created for use in court; includes diagrams, charts, audio tapes, videotapes, and photographs

Stipulated facts =>

Judicial Notice => an action taken by the court to accept _____ generally deemed to be common _____

- the recognition by the court of the existence and truth of specific facts that are universally accepted or are public records (laws of the state, the Constitution, or geographical statistics)

Types of Evidence

Direct Evidence

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- proves the _____ without the introduction of additional _____; this type of evidence may _____ as proof, or the jury may give it little _____ for a variety of reasons

Circumstantial Evidence -

Hearsay Evidence -