**REQUIRED TEXTS:**


You are also **required** to have a copy of the Federal Rules of Evidence with you at every class, although not necessarily the recommended texts or editions listed below. The recommended texts are similar and each contains the text of the rules; thus, if you choose to purchase one, it is unnecessary to purchase the other. They are recommended because they each address how the Federal Rules of Evidence will play out in the form of objections and responses in a trial setting.

**RECOMMENDED TEXTS:**


**ASSIGNMENTS – CLASS 1 – AUGUST 22:**

**Performance Exercise:** Choose a favorite children’s story or fairy tale to retell (7 minutes). Don’t have a favorite story? Make one up!

**Lecture Topic:** Introduction to Trial Advocacy; Themes & Theories; Opening Statements

**Readings:** Syllabus (email from August 6); TAB: Chapter 2: Getting Ready for Trial (pp. 15 – 25 only); Chapter 5: Opening Statements

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1 You may use an older edition of the *Problems in Trial Advocacy* text. The 2011, 2013, and 2015 editions are all acceptable substitutes.