

# Predicates Research Guide

## Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on predicates. A predicate is the information necessary to make evidence admissible (TYLA). The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

*Related guide: Evidence, Discovery*

## Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online [www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov](http://www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov)

Code Of Criminal Procedure

- Ch. 38 Evidence In Criminal Actions  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CR/htm/CR.38.htm>

Texas Rules of Evidence

<https://www.txcourts.gov/rules-forms/rules-standards/>

## Secondary Resources in Print

**Predicates Manual 4.0 REF KFT 1294 .T49**

*(Predicates Manual 6.0 coming Spring 2025)*

**Family Law At Your Fingertips: Evidence KFT 1294 S83 E93**

**Predicates KFT 9660 .A53**

**The Family Lawyer's Essential Tool Kit REF KFT 1294 .F3N5**

**Is It Admissible? REF KF 8935 .L561**

**Model Interrogatories REF KF 8900 .A3 C841**  
Vol. 1 & 2

**Evidentiary Foundations KF 8935 .I45**

## CLE Materials

**Advanced Child Protection Law (PDF only)**

- 2023 Ch. 16 Evidentiary Issues in Child Welfare Cases

**Advanced Civil Trial Course (PDF only)**

- 2023 Ch. 20 Hearsay and Other Evidentiary Issues, a Primer

**Advanced Evidence and Discovery (PDF only)**

- 2024 Ch. 12 Texas Evidence Handbook
- 2024 Ch. 16 Texas Evidence Handbook
- 2024 Ch. 17 Proving Up Internet and Electronic Evidence

**Advanced Trial Strategies (PDF only)**

- 2024 Ch. 13 Texas Evidence Handbook: Evidence Update

**Becoming a Family Trial Lawyer (PDF only)**

- 2024 Ch. 2 Texas Evidence Handbook: Evidence Update

**Marriage Dissolution Institute (PDF only)**

- 2024 Ch. 3 Hard Evidence
- 2023 Ch. 10 Predicates: What are They and Why are They Needed?
- 2023 Ch. 20 Cutting Edge Electronic Evidence

## Online Resources

Predicates Guide (TYLA)

<https://tyla.org/resource/predicates-guide/>

Foundations & Predicates CLE (UH Law)  
<https://www.law.uh.edu/blakely/courses/trial-advocacy/POWERPOINTS%20FOR%20CLASS/3%20-%20Foundations.pdf>

Preparing For Evidentiary Hearings Family Law  
Section Program (Texas State Bar)  
<https://www.texasbar.com/flashdrive/materials/family-law-section-cle/FamilyLaw-King-PreparingFor-FinalArticle.pdf>

Rules of Evidence and Objections in a Virtual Hearing  
(Texas Law Help)  
<https://texaslawhelp.org/guide/rules-of-evidence-and-objections-in-a-virtual-hearing>

Texas Rules of Evidence Rule 803 (Varghese  
Summersett)  
<https://www.texasevidence.com/rule-803-hearsay-exceptions-availability-of-declarant-immaterial/>

## Legal Assistance

### **Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)**

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up  
<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up  
<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

**Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral  
Service:** 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)