

SUMMARY OF CHAPTERS

- [Child Abuse:](#) This chapter discusses all appellate decisions regarding the child abuse statute.
- [Child Hearsay:](#) This chapter discusses the appellate decisions interpreting section 90.803(23), which allows hearsay statements from children less than 12 years of age to be admitted as substantive evidence as an exception to the hearsay rule when certain indicia of reliability are met.
- [DNA:](#) This chapter discusses the various appellate decisions on the admissibility of DNA evidence.
- [Ethics:](#) This chapter discusses ethical issues confronted by assistant state attorneys in the process of filing and prosecuting sexual battery and child abuse offenses. Special emphasis is placed on the American Bar Association Standards of Criminal Justice Relating to Prosecution Function.
- [Experts:](#) This chapter discusses the various appellate decisions on the admissibility of expert testimony in sexual battery and child abuse cases.
- [Issues of Time:](#) This chapter discusses the difficult issue of narrowing the time frames in the charging document and statute of limitations issues.
- [Lewd Conduct:](#) This chapter discusses the various appellate decisions regarding lewd or lascivious offenses on children less than 16 years of age and indecent exposure.
- [Miscellaneous:](#) This chapter discusses numerous issues which do not fit into any of the other chapters.
- [Multiple Counts:](#) This chapter discusses issues confronted when charging multiple counts in one information. Among the issues covered are double jeopardy, joinder and severance of counts and mutually exclusive counts.
- [Old Law:](#) This chapter covers the evolution of the law of capital sexual battery from 1947 to the present, with each statutory revision cited verbatim. Various appellate decisions are included to define the terms in antiquated statutes.

[Sentencing:](#) This chapter discusses various sentencing issues such as probationary terms, departures from the sentencing guidelines, scoring victim injury points, sexual predator designations and many others.

[Sexual Battery:](#) This chapter discusses issues related to the sexual battery statute.

[Sexual Offender Registration:](#) This chapter discusses the various cases interpreting the requirement to register as a sexual offender or predator.

[Video Testimony:](#) This chapter discusses the statutes and appellate decisions defining the use of closed circuit and videotaped testimony according to sections 92.53, 92.54 and 92.55.

[Williams Rule:](#) This chapter discusses the use of similar fact evidence in sex offenses and child abuse offenses.