

2022 TENNESSEE JUDICIAL ACADEMY

**Evidentiary Framework, Evidentiary Foundations
Role of the Judge in the Evidentiary Process
Making the Record, Managing Exhibits**

Worksheet:

**Finding My Judicial Footing
In a Dozen Steps**

- 1. What is the purpose of the Rules of Evidence**
- 2. Do evidence rulings matter?**
- 3. What advantages do the Rules of Evidence give to a trial judge?**
- 4. What is the framework for the Rules of Evidence?**
- 5. What is a good working definition of evidence for a trial judge?**
- 6. What is the seminar critical inquiry for all evidentiary rulings?**
- 7. What is the key to simplifying evidentiary rulings?**
- 8. What is the role of the judge in the evidentiary process?**
- 9. Must a judge choose between calling balls and strikes and seeking justice?**
- 10. What are the complicating factors in making evidentiary rulings?**
- 11. What tools do the Rules of Evidence give a trial judge?**
- 12. How do I rule?**