

Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas

Misc. Docket No. 25-008

Final Approval of Amendments to Texas Rule of Evidence 412

ORDERED that:

1. On August 29, 2025, in Misc. Dkt. No. 25-005, the Court repealed former Texas Rule of Evidence 412 and replaced it with a new rule.
2. New Texas Rule of Evidence 412 took effect on September 1, 2025, and the Court invited public comment until December 1, 2025.
3. Following the comment period, the Court amended the new rule. This order incorporates the amendments and contains the final version of the new rule, effective January 1, 2026. The final version is shown in both redline and clean forms. The redline form shows changes made since Misc. Dkt. No. 25-005.
4. As stated in Misc. Dkt. No. 25-005, for criminal proceedings commencing before September 1, 2025, the rule in effect on the date the proceeding commenced governs.
5. The Clerk is directed to:
 - a. file a copy of this Order with the Secretary of State;
 - b. cause a copy of this Order to be mailed to each registered member of the State Bar of Texas by publication in the *Texas Bar Journal*,
 - c. send a copy of this Order to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and each elected member of the Legislature; and
 - d. submit a copy of this Order for publication in the *Texas Register*.

Dated: December 19, 2025.

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David J. Schenck, Presiding Judge

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