

TEMPLATE

Claim-to-Evidence Matrix

A working template for tracing every required proposition to support, contradiction, and the next proof task.

LITIGATION TEAM WORKSHEET

A proposition-level worksheet. Duplicate the matrix for each claim, defense, counterclaim, remedy, or dispositive issue.

INSTRUCTIONS

How to use this matrix

- Start with controlling law and write one required proposition per row.
- Record what the source actually supports; do not upgrade a party assertion into an observed fact.
- Give contradicting material equal visibility.
- Use one status vocabulary consistently: observed, verified, asserted, inferred, disputed, unknown, rejected, or superseded.
- End every incomplete row with a concrete proof task, owner, and date.
- Preserve the prior version when evidence or legal theory changes.

Matter	
Claim / defense / issue	
Controlling authority	
Burden / standard	
Version date	
Owner	

WORKING SHEET

Claim-to-evidence matrix

Required proposition	Support and source ID	Contradiction and source ID	Status	Next proof task / owner

SOURCE CONTROL

Evidence inventory

Source ID	Artifact / witness	Exact location	Authenticity / admissibility	Privilege / restriction	Propositions affected

STRESS TEST

Contradiction register

Conflict	Sources on each side	Why material	Resolution path	Owner / due

NEXT WORK

Proof-gap action plan

Gap / unknown	Decision at risk	Information task	Cost / burden	Owner	Due

GOVERNANCE

Version and review log

Version	Date	Material change	Source / event	Reviewed by

REFERENCE NOTES

Sources, scope, and use

These tools organize litigation work; they do not state the law for a particular case. Federal rules are a starting point only. Always check the controlling substantive law, local rules, standing orders, scheduling order, protective orders, and matter-specific facts.

1. Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, effective Dec. 1, 2025

<https://www.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/document/federal-rules-of-civil-procedure.pdf>

2. Federal Judicial Center, Civil Litigation Management Manual, 2d ed.

<https://www.fjc.gov/sites/default/files/2012/CivLit2D.pdf>

3. Federal Judicial Center, Manual for Complex Litigation, Fourth

https://www.fjc.gov/sites/default/files/materials/30/Manual%20for%20Complex%20Litigation_Fourth%20Edition_Third%20Printing_2020.pdf

4. U.S. District Court, E.D. La., ESI Discovery Guidelines

<https://www.laed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/pdfs/north/E-discoveryGuidelines.pdf>

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