



**CATAWBA NATION TRIBAL COURTS**

Catawba Indian Nation  
996 Avenue of the Nations  
Rock Hill, SC 29730

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 25-AO-0002**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ADOPTING**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA RULES OF EVIDENCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Court recognizes the importance of uniform evidentiary standards to ensure the fair and consistent administration of justice;

**WHEREAS**, the South Carolina Rules of Evidence provide a comprehensive framework for the admissibility of evaluation of evidence;

**WHEREAS**, the Court finds it appropriate to adopt uniform evidentiary rules that promote clarity, fairness and judicial efficiency;

It is therefore,

**ORDERED and ADJUDGED as follows:**

1. Adoption of Rules – the South Carolina Rules of Evidence are hereby adopted for use in the Catawba Nation Tribal Courts in all matters requiring the presentation or evaluation of evidence, to the extent they do not conflict with Catawba Nation laws, ordinances, or specific Tribal Court rules.
2. Modifications and Exceptions – The Court reserves the authority to modify, supplement, or deviate from the South Carolina Rules of Evidence on a case-by-case basis as justice requires or as otherwise provided by Tribal law.

3. Effective Date and Duration – This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until amended or rescinded by further order of the Court.
4. Notice to Parties – Parties appearing before the Court shall be deemed to have notice of this Order and are expected to comply with its provisions.

**DONE AND ORDERED** on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025.

*T.W. Trueblood*

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**THE HONORABLE JUDGE T.W. TRUEBLOOD**  
Acting Chief Judge