

RULE 501 | PRIVILEGE IN GENERAL

The common law — as interpreted by United States courts in the light of reason and experience — governs a claim of privilege unless any of the following provides otherwise:

- the United States Constitution;
- a federal statute; or
- rules prescribed by the Supreme Court.

But in a civil case, state law governs privilege regarding a claim or defense for which state law supplies the rule of decision.

(As amended Apr. 26, 2011, eff. Dec. 1, 2011.)