

## **EVIDENCE: RELEVANCE**

Exercises to help determine if the evidence is relevant:

(\*Please note that other rules of evidence may impact the admissibility of the evidence described below, we are simply providing examples for the purpose of relevancy here\*)

**SCENARIO 1:** The other parent is claiming that they have proof that your new partner has been charged with theft of services or another felony. They were able to obtain this proof by hacking your partner's email.

**SCENARIO 2:** You want to have a witness testify about previous arguments, fights, etc. between you and the other party at the beginning of your relationship years ago.

**SCENARIO 3:** You have screenshots of the other party's Facebook where they posted about going on vacation, buying things, etc. even though they claim they have little to no money for your child's expenses.

- What specific issue(s) of your case does the evidence pertain to?
- Does the evidence tend to prove the matter it's being used to prove?
- Will it confuse the issues?
- Is it misleading (generally applies to jury)?
- Will it waste the court's time?
- Can it be proven or has it been proven by some other evidence?

