

Preservation Of Error Pretrial, During Trial, And Post-Trial

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Key rules to
know for
effective
error
preservation

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Objections
must be timely
and specific



BE SPECIFIC



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Constitutionalize
objections



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TRAP 44.2(a) v. 44.2(b)

Constitutional error - Must reverse unless determine BRD error did not contribute to conviction/punishment.

Any other error that does not affect substantial rights must be disregarded.

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Offer of
proof - TRE
103(c)



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