

Rule 601. Competency

Except as provided by these rules, the competency of a witness to give testimony shall be determined in accordance with law.

Committee Comment - 1977

As with Rule 501 this rule reflects the committee's adherence to the enabling legislation which attempts to limit the Court's authority to promulgate rules of evidence in this area. See Comment to Rule 501. Although Minnesota Statutes 1974, sections 595.02 to 595.08, are referred to as competency statutes some in fact are statutes creating privilege. The general competency statutes are Minnesota Statutes 1974, sections 595.02, clause (6), and 595.06.