

Illinois Rules of Evidence

Rule 613.

Prior Statements of Witnesses

- (a) **Examining Witness Concerning Prior Statement.** In examining a witness concerning a prior statement made by the witness, whether written or not, the statement need not be shown nor its contents disclosed to the witness at that time, but on request the same shall be shown or disclosed to opposing counsel.
- (b) **Extrinsic Evidence of Prior Inconsistent Statement of Witness.** Extrinsic evidence of a prior inconsistent statement by a witness is not admissible unless the witness is first afforded an opportunity to explain or deny the same and the opposing party is afforded an opportunity to interrogate the witness thereon, or the interests of justice otherwise require. This provision does not apply to statements of a party-opponent as defined in Rule 801(d)(2).

(c) **Evidence of Prior Consistent Statement of Witness.** Except for a hearsay statement otherwise admissible under evidence rules, a A prior statement that is consistent with the declarant-witness's testimony is admissible, for rehabilitation purposes only and not substantively as a hearsay exception or exclusion, when the declarant testifies at the trial or hearing and is available to the opposing party for examination concerning the statement, and the statement is offered to rebut an express or implied charge that:

- (i) the witness acted from an improper influence or motive to testify falsely, if that influence or motive did not exist when the statement was made; or
- (ii) the witness's testimony was recently fabricated, if the statement was made before the alleged fabrication occurred.

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