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**I.**

**[Argument Heading]**

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**A. Introduction.**

*[Summarize contention and state what happened in trial court. See ADI Manual, chapter 5, §5.2.83: “The appellate court wants to know up front what the trial court allegedly did wrong, what legal theory supports that allegation, and what conclusion to draw from the errors.”]*

**B. If applicable, address any potential question of waiver or forfeiture, here or in part D.**

*[See ADI Manual, chapter 5, §5.2.8.5.]*

**C. Standard of review.**

*[See ADI Manual, chapter 5, §5.2.8.6.]*

**D. Argument.**

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 **1. Legal analysis establishing the error.**

*[See ADI Manual, chapter 5, §§5.2.9.1-5.2.9.5; see also §5.2.11 (federalization of the issue).]*

 **2. Prejudice.**

*[See ADI Manual, chapter 5, §5.2.10.]*

**CONCLUSION**

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