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STANDARDIZED CIVIL JURY INSTRUCTIONS for the District of Columbia

Publication 1275

Release 11

May 2012

HIGHLIGHTS

Updated and Improved Civil Jury Instructions

- Release 11 updates instruction language, as well as case law support, and assures the trial lawyer and judge that the Instructions remain accurate statements of the law.

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Improved Instructions

Updates were made to the following sections:

- Impeachment by Prior Inconsistent Statements [*see* § 3.08].
- Negligence Defined [*see* § 5.02].
- Violation of Regulation/Statute—Negligence Per Se [*see* § 5.09].
- Professional Liability—Elements of Claim [*see* § 9.03].
- Measure of Property Damages [*see* § 15.01].
- Fair Market Value [*see* § 15.06].
- Defamation—Public Officials and Public Figures—Generally [*see* § 17.03].
- Common Law Malice—Definition [*see* § 17.11].

- Assault [*see* § 19.01].
- Ordinary Action for Broker's Commission [*see* § 21.01].
- Fair Market Value [*see* § 22.02].
- Tax Assessment [*see* § 22.14].

Revised Index

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