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REVISED AND REPLACED Chapters 2, 9, 17, and 25

- Release 17 includes Chapters 2 (Evaluating Evidence and Witnesses), 9 (Medical Professional Negligence and Other Professional Negligence), 17 (Defamation (Libel/Slander), 25 (Other Tort Causes of Action) for which the instructions have been revised and replaced by completely new instructions, including statutory and case law support, commentary, and related references. The instructions in those four chapters have been adjusted for clearer flow as well as to provide more accurate or more comprehensible expressions of the applicable law.

Medical Professional Negligence and Other Professional Negligence

Release 17 includes Chapter 9 which has been completely revised and re-written. The instructions in this Chapter were revised in the 2018 edition to make them consistent with the recent revisions to instructions in other chapters, particularly the general negligence instructions in Chapter 5. These changes were made for clarity and simplicity and are not intended to make substantive changes from the previous instructions in this Chapter, unless specifically noted.

Revised Index

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