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# STANDARDIZED CIVIL JURY INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### ***REVISED AND REPLACED Chapters 2, 17, 20, and 24***

- Release 20 includes Chapters 2 (Evaluating Evidence and Witnesses), 17 (Defamation [Libel/Slander]), 20 (Fraud and Misrepresentation), and 24 (District of Columbia Human Rights Act) for which the instructions have been revised, including statutory and case law support, commentary, and related references. The instructions in those chapters have been adjusted for clearer flow as well as to provide more accurate or more comprehensible expressions of the applicable law.

### ***NEW CHAPTER Chapter 27***

- Release 20 includes ***NEW*** Chapter 27 (Wrongful Termination) that provides instructions, authorities, and commentary on this important area of the law.

### **Updated and Improved Instructions, Authorities, and / or Commentary**

- Specialized Opinion Testimony [*see* § 2.12].
- Defamation — Public Officials and Public Figures — Generally [*see* § 17.03].
- Consumer Protection Act — Misrepresentation [*see* § 20.11].

- Unlawful Discrimination Liability Instruction in DCHRA Cases [*See* § 24.05.]
- Liability Instruction in DCHRA Unlawful Retaliation Cases [*See* § 24.06.]
- Hostile Work Environment — Essential Factual Elements [*See* § 24.08.]
- Hostile Work Environment — Employer’s Liability for Co-

Worker Conduct [*See* § 24.09.]

**Instructions in *NEW* Chapter 27  
Wrongful Termination**

- Wrongful Termination — Liability [*see* § 27.01].
- Constructive Termination [*see* § 27.02].

**Revised Index**

Release 20 also includes a revised comprehensive index to facilitate access to material covered in the text.

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