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STANDARDIZED CIVIL JURY INSTRUCTIONS for the District of Columbia

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HIGHLIGHTS

Updated and Improved Civil Jury Instructions

- This supplement updates the case law support and assures the trial lawyer and judge that the Instructions remain accurate statements of the law.

Improved Instructions

Updates were made to the following instructions:

- Violation of Regulation/Statute—Negligence Per Se [*see* Instruction 5-9]
- Res Ipsa Loquitur [*see* Instruction 5-11].
- Establishing Employer-Employee Relationship [*see* Instruction 6-1].
- Independent Contractor [*see* Instruction 6-6].
- Auto Owner's Liability—Consent
- Conceded [*see* Instruction 7-8].
- Auto Owner's Liability—Consent Disputed [*see* Instruction 7-9].
- Auto Owner's Liability—Unexplained Operation [*see* Instruction 7-10].
- Auto Owner's Liability—Consent Revoked [*see* Instruction 7-11].
- Common Carrier—Degree of Care [*see* Instruction 8-1].
- Common Carrier-Passenger Relationship [*see* Instruction 8-2].
- Sudden Starts, Stops, Jerks, or Jars [*see* Instruction 8-5].
- Nature of the Medical Malpractice Claim [*see* Instruction 9-1].
- General Standard of Care of Professionals [*see* Instruction 9-2].
- General Standard of Care—Nationally-Certified Specialist [*see* Instruction 9-7].
- Standard of Care Determined By

- Expert Testimony [*see* Instruction 9-8].
- Disclosure of Medical Risks—Informed Consent [*see* Instruction 9-9].
 - General Standard of Care—Lawyers [*see* Instruction 9-13].
 - Insurance Brokers—Notice of Cancellation [*see* Instruction 9-15].
 - Patent’s Contributory Negligence [*see* Instruction 9-16].
 - Owner’s Duty Dependent on Plaintiff’s Status [*see* Instruction 10-1].
 - Damages—Elements [*see* Instruction 13-1].
 - Permanent Injury Absent Medical Testimony [*see* Instruction 13-2].
 - Lost Earnings—Past and Present [*see* Instruction 13-4].
 - Lost Earnings—Future [*see* Instruction 13-5].
 - Loss of Consortium [*see* Instruction 13-6].
 - Aggravation of Preexisting Condition [*see* Instruction 13-7].
 - Recovery for Emotional Distress [*see* Instruction 13-9].
 - Parent’s Rights [*see* Instruction 13-11].
 - Measure of Property Damages [*see* Instruction 15-1].
 - Property Beyond Repair [*see* Instruction 15-2].
 - Property Lost or Converted [*see* Instruction 15-3].
 - Punitive Damages (Defendant Not a Corporation) [*see* Instruction 16-1].
 - Defamation—Public Officials and Public Figures—Generally [*see* Instruction 17-3].
 - Interpretation/Defamatory Meaning [*see* Instruction 17-4].
 - Identification [*see* Instruction 17-5].
 - Substantial Truth [*see* Instruction 17-6].
 - Assault [*see* Instruction 19-1].
 - Battery [*see* Instruction 19-3].
 - Fraudulent Misrepresentation—Elements of the Claim [*see* Instruction 20-1].
 - Nature of Case and Just Compensation [*see* Instruction 22-1].
 - Implied Warranty—Exclusion or Limitation [*see* Instruction 23-4].
 - Strict Liability of Manufacturer or Seller of Product for Physical Harm or Property Damage [*see* Instruction 23-7].
 - Products Liability—Proximate Causation [*see* Instruction 23-11].

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