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HIGHLIGHTS

Updated and Improved Civil Jury Instructions

- This supplement adds *new* Chapter 25, Tortious Interference with Contractual Relationship, and updates the case law support and assures the trial lawyer and judge that the Instructions remain accurate statements of the law.

New Instructions

Release 8 introduces *new* Chapter 25, Tortious Interference with Contractual Relationship, which includes the following instructions:

- Tortious Interference with Contractual Relationship [*see* § 25.01].
- Tortious Interference with Contractual Relationship—Privilege or Justification Defense [*see* § 25.02].

Improved Instructions

Updates were made to the following sections:

- Juror's Duty to Deliberate [*see* § 1.04].
- Attitude and Conduct of Jurors [*see* § 1.05].
- Common Carrier—Passenger Relationship [*see* § 8.02].
- Professional Liability—Elements of Claim [*see* Instruction 9.03].
- Impossibility [*see* § 11.21].
- Quantum Meruit—Damages [*see* § 11.33].
- Duty to Mitigate Damages [*see* § 12.07].
- Medical Treatment—Past and Present [*see* § 13.03].
- Survival Action Only [*see* § 14.01].

- Measure of Property Damages [*see* § 15.01].
- Fair Market Value [*see* § 15.06].
- Punitive Damages (Defendant Not a Corporation) [*see* § 16.01].
- Defamation—Private Plaintiff / Non-Media Defendant [*see* § 17.01].
- Defamation—Private Plaintiff / Media Defendant [*see* § 17.02].
- Defamation—Public Officials and Public Figures—Generally [*see* § 17.03].
- Interpretation / Defamation Meaning [*see* § 17.04].
- Transferred Intent (Assault) [*see* § 19.02].
- Transferred Intent (Battery) [*see* § 19.04].
- Assault and Battery [*see* § 19.06].
- Four Proposed Jury Instructions [*see* § 24.01].
- Text of the District of Columbia Human Rights Act [*see* § 24.02].
- Evaluation of DCHRA Cases by a Judge [*see* § 24.03].
- Avoiding Technical Language in DCHRA Jury Instructions [*see* § 24.04].
- The Elements of DCHRA Instructions By Analogy to Federal Instructions [*see* § 24.06].
- Liability Instruction in DCHRA Cases [*see* § 24.10].
- Affirmative Defense of Bona Fide Occupational Qualification [*see* § 24.16].
- Quid Pro Quo Sexual Harassment—Essential Factual Elements [*see* § 24.17].
- Hostile Work Environment—Essential Factual Elements [*see* § 24.18].
- Disability Discrimination—Reasonable Accommodation—Essential Factual Elements [*see* § 24.20].
- Disability Discrimination—Reasonable Accommodation—Explained [*see* § 24.21].
- Retaliation [*see* § 24.25].

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