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The 2024-2025 Pocket Part includes a new version of CIVJIG 91.75, Measure of Damages—Wrongful Death, and a new Special Verdict Form, CIVSVF 91.92, for use in wrongful death cases in light of the 2023 legislative amendments to the Wrongful Death Act. The Pocket Part also updates the Authorities for several jury instructions. Key cases covered in this Pocket Part include discussions of *Rygwall v. ACR Homes, Inc.*, 6 N.W.3d 416 (Minn. 2024) (common law standard for determining causation in medical negligence cases); *Alonzo v. Henholt*, 9 N.W.3d 148 (Minn. 2024) (recognition of the tort of negligent selection of an independent contractor); and, *Johnson v. Freborg*, 995 N.W.2d 374 (Minn. 2023) (whether the communications involved a matter of public concern).

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