

Preface

The 2025-2026 edition of WISCONSIN ELEMENTS OF AN ACTION provides to-the-point legal analysis of the required elements for various civil causes of action in Wisconsin, including statutes, of limitations, remedies, and defenses. It provides examples of recent verdicts and settlements. Each chapter contains numerous samples of actual pleadings, motions, jury instructions, and special verdicts taken from recent Wisconsin court records. The information in this treatise provides readers with essential knowledge—saving hours of research and drafting. Everything is at the reader’s fingertips.

Topics covered include actions for abuse of process, animal bites, contracts, defamation, emotional distress, false imprisonment, insurance, bad faith, legal malpractice, local government tort liability, medical malpractice, motor vehicle accidents, nuisance, possession of real property, products liability, safe place, tortious interference with contracts, and wrongful death.

The 2025-2026 edition includes numerous updated jury verdict and settlement reports, including complaints pretrial reports, and special verdicts. New material includes:

- Complaint for alleged false claim of car theft and false imprisonment (§ 6:14)
- Affidavit in support of motion to enforce settlement (§ 6:18)
- Stipulation and order for dismissal (§ 6:19)
- Insurer liability for contribution/indemnification for medical malpractice judgment (§ 10:31)
- Special verdict for medical malpractice (§ 10:45)
- Plaintiff’s proposed jury instructions for nuisance (§ 12:17)
- Defendant’s proposed jury instructions for nuisance (§ 12:18)
- Special verdict for private nuisance (§ 12:16)
- Complaint for injuries from fall from tree stand (§ 14:24)
- Offer of settlement (§ 14:32)
- Special verdict for fall from tree stand (§ 14:38)
- Stipulation re bankruptcy of manufacturer (§ 14:42)
- Complaint for slip and fall on ice (§ 15:25)
- Complaint for failure to treat patient’s deteriorating post-op condition (§ 17:26)
- Jury instruction for failure to treat patient’s deteriorating post-op condition (§ 17:38)

- Special verdict for failure to treat patient's deteriorating post-op condition (§ 17:44)

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