

THE WILLIAM J. BAUER
PATTERN CRIMINAL
JURY INSTRUCTIONS
OF THE SEVENTH
CIRCUIT

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The Honorable Diane S. Sykes
Chief Judge
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Re: *Pattern Criminal Jury Instructions – 2022 Revisions*

Dear Chief Judge Sykes:

The Committee on Federal Criminal Jury Instructions of the Seventh Circuit is pleased to submit to the Judicial Council of the Seventh Circuit its 2022 revisions to the pattern instructions. These revised instructions are the product of more than a year of work by the judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and academics who served on the Committee. The Committee submits these instructions for the Judicial Council's authorization to publish them for use in connection with criminal trials in the district courts in this Circuit.

The proposed revisions/additions include the following instructions:

- 18 U.S.C. § 201(b)(1)(A) – Giving a Bribe – Elements (changes to instruction and comment)
- 18 U.S.C. § 201(b)(2)(A) – Accepting a Bribe – Elements (new instruction)
- 18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(1)(B) – Accepting a Bribe (changes to instruction and comment)
- 18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(2) – Paying a Bribe (changes to instruction and comment)
- 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(A) – Forfeiture Instruction (changes to instruction and comment)
- 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(1) – Forfeiture Instruction (changes to instruction and

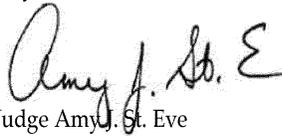
comment)

- 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(2) – Forfeiture Instruction (change to instruction)
- 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(3) – Forfeiture Instruction (changes to instruction and comment)
- 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(4) – Forfeiture Instruction (changes to instruction and comment)
- 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(5) – Forfeiture Instruction (changes to instruction and comment)
- 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(6) – Forfeiture Instruction (changes to instruction and comment)
- 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(7) – Forfeiture Instruction (changes to instruction and comment)
- 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(8) – Forfeiture Instruction (change to instruction)
- 21 U.S.C. § 853 – Drug Forfeiture – Elements (changes to instruction and comment)

We recognize, of course, that neither the Council nor the Court of Appeals can approve in advance the use of any of these instructions in a particular case. It is enough that they are approved in principle.

Sincerely,

The Committee on Federal Criminal
Jury Instructions of the Seventh Circuit



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Re: Revisions to Pattern Criminal Jury Instructions

Dear Judge St. Eve:

Thank you for your January 4 letter on behalf of the Criminal Jury Instructions Committee transmitting the revisions to the pattern criminal jury instructions. Circuit Executive Sarah Schrup submitted the revisions to the Judicial Council requesting authorization for publication.

As you noted in your letter, the Council cannot and does not approve pattern jury instructions for use in any particular case. The Council has, however, reviewed the revisions and authorizes the committee to publish them as resources in connection with criminal trials in the district courts of the circuit. This authorization shall not be construed as adjudicative approval of the content of the instructions, which must await case-by-case review by the courts.

The Council extends its thanks and appreciation to you and the members of your committee for your hard work in creating, curating, and updating these instructions. We know the pattern instructions are an important resource in the administration of criminal justice in our circuit.

Sincerely,

Diane S. Sykes
Chief Judge