

**PUBLISHER'S INTRODUCTION
TO THE 2026 EDITION OF
NEW YORK PATTERN JURY INSTRUCTIONS—CIVIL**

New York Pattern Jury Instructions—Civil is used by judges throughout New York State to instruct juries in all kinds of civil cases. Practicing lawyers use it to develop strategies at all stages of a case, from discovery to settlement negotiations through jury trial. Its model charges and detailed commentaries set forth not only how juries are instructed, but the basis for each instruction in New York statutory and case law.

The Pattern Jury Instructions Committee of the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court of New York State welcomes input from the bench and bar, and encourages lawyers and judges to comment on these volumes. Suggestions may be sent directly to the New York Pattern Jury Instructions editor at Thomson Reuters at NY-PJI-Feedback@thomsonreuters.com and they will be shared with the committee for its consideration.

Changes and updates appearing in the 2026 Edition of New York Pattern Jury Instructions—Civil include:

- Updated charge within Possessor's Liability for Condition or Use of Premises—Standard of Care. See PJI 2:90, 2:90 SV.
- Revised charge and commentary covering Animals. See PJI 2:220.
- Revised charges covering total calculation in Damages—Personal Injury—Collateral Sources—Itemized Verdict; Damages—Derivative Action Re Spouse—Loss of Services; Damages—Actions for Wrongful Death and Conscious Pain and Suffering. See PJI 2:301, 2:315, 2:320.
- Update to charge for Intentional Torts—Interference with Person or Property—Prima Facie Tort. See PJI 3:7.
- New, Revised, and Updated Charges, Commentary, and Special Verdict Forms covering Employment Discrimination—Hostile Work Environment—Claims Under the New York State Human Rights Law and Claims Under the New York City Human Rights Law; Employment Discrimination—Hostile Work Environment – Claims Under the New York City Human Rights Law – Employer's Liability for Employees' Discriminatory Conduct – Defense To Liability [Supplemental Instruction]; Employment Discrimination—Hostile Work Environment—Claims Under the New York State Human Rights Law—Defense to liability [Supplemental Instruction]. See PJI 9:5, 9:5 SV, 9:5A, 9:5A SV, 9:5A.1, 9:5A.2.
- New, Revised, and Updated Charges, Commentary, and Special Verdict Forms covering Employment Discrimination—Quid Pro Quo—Claims Under the New York State Human Rights Law

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and Claims Under the New York City Human Rights Law; Employment Discrimination—Quid Pro Quo—Claims Under the New York City Human Rights Law—Employer's Liability for Employees' Discriminatory Conduct—Defense To Liability [Supplemental Instruction. See PJI 9:6, 9:6 SV, 9:6A, 9:6A SV, 9:6A.1, 9:6A.2.

- Many other updates to charges, commentary, special verdict forms, and additions of new case cites throughout the publication.

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