

Preface to the 2025-2026 Edition

This treatise is a research tool that provides concise case summaries and extensive references for a wide variety of Illinois criminal cases that utilize jury instructions. The case material is categorized by subject matter and relevant issues to help facilitate quick research. Discussion on history and use of jury instructions is also included in this treatise.

This 2025-2026 Edition replaces the 2024-2025 Edition and contains the following new sections:

- § 2:43 First-degree murder—Child under 12—Withholding medical care and nutrition
- § 2:70 Second-degree murder—Aggravated battery (two victims)
- § 3:9 Armed robbery—Home invasion
- § 5:13 Aggravated leaving scene of accident involving death
- § 6:21 Obstructing peace officer