

Editor's Introduction to *Federal Jury Practice and Instructions* *Civil Companion Handbook*, 2025-2026 edition

Federal Jury Practice and Instructions Civil Companion Handbook is designed to assist the reader in the preparation of federal civil jury instructions by providing a survey of instructions used in real cases as well as author commentary and tips related to the use of the pattern instructions, research references, and related materials.

Each chapter starts with an overview that explains the law addressed in that chapter. Each section is titled based on the civil concern at issue in the case examples and contains references to corresponding sections of the full *Federal Jury Practice and Instructions* set or to relevant circuit instructions.

The 2025-2026 edition includes sample jury instructions from cases involving the Fair Credit and Reporting Act (Chapter 2), maritime claims (Chapter 4), patent infringement (Chapter 5), copyright infringement, unlawful police conduct (Chapter 10), discrimination in employment (Chapter 15), age discrimination in employment (Chapter 17), and the Americans with Disabilities Act (Chapter 16).