

INTRODUCTION TO THE 2025–2026 EDITION

This 2025–2026 Edition of the Civil Jury Instruction Handbook (Vol. 6B, Washington Practice Series) provides the time challenged practitioner with complete packages of actual instructions given in civil cases in over a dozen topics, organized by subject matter. Commentary throughout the text identifies or provides a short not on the appropriate application of the instruction.

Among the new case discussion in this 2025–2026 Edition are the following:

- An auto collision case resulting in traumatic brain injury; the defendant denied liability and asserted affirmative defense of contributory negligence, claiming plaintiff was speeding when collision occurred (§ 1:8)
- A medical malpractice case resulting in vertebral artery dissection; Chiropractor defendants deny negligence and dispute causation (§ 2:5)
- Premise liability case where senior plaintiff who slipped on ice in common area of apartment complex suing Housing Authority of Snohomish County (HASCO) as operators of complex in contributory negligence claim (§ 4:8)
- Sexual assault, battery, and domestic violence case; defendant denies claims asserting statutes of limitation applied (§ 6:6)
- Breach of construction contract; defendant filing counter-claims (§ 7:5)
- Breach of insurance contract, cancellation without notice; defendant deny liability and allege contributory negligence (§ 8:3)
- Vicarious liability for failure of school employees to prevent sexual assault (§ 11:3)
- Negligence by State in designating space for protestors (§ 11:5)

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