

What's New in the 2026-2027 Edition

Washington Elements of an Action presents vital information to help you determine strategy and prepare for trial. It provides a valuable, time-efficient way to explore an unfamiliar case or topic area and offers substantive and practical overviews of more than 30 causes of action. Defenses, pleadings, jury instructions, and jury verdicts are discussed. In each chapter, author David K. DeWolf identifies the elements of an action, discusses how to investigate and analyze a given case, and suggests litigation strategies, potential remedies, and possible defenses.

New features and recent developments in the 2026-2027 Edition include:

- Jury awards \$250,000 to dog bite victim, along with jury instructions and verdict form (§ 2:18);
- School district agrees to pay \$3.2 M for sexual abuse committed by middle school teacher (§ 4:17);
- New section on the exercise of professional judgment as a defense to CPA claims (§ 6:9)
- Jury rejects football player's claim that coach negligently failed to remove player from game before suffering traumatic brain injury, along with jury instructions and verdict form (§ 14:15);
- Discussion of the assignability of legal malpractice claims (§ 17:2);
- New section on UPEPA as a defense to defamation claims (§ 18:12);
- New section on recovery of attorney's fees in malicious prosecution cases (§ 19:6);
- Estate of 75 year old patient recovers \$300,000 for negligent misreading of sepsis test, along with jury instructions and verdict form (§ 20:15);
- Jury rejects seaman's claim that vessel owner operated unseaworthy fishing boat, along with jury instructions and verdict form (§ 20A:13);
- Jury rejects golfer's claim that owner of course was responsible for golfer's eye injury, along with jury instructions and verdict form (§ 24:13);
- New section on asserting UPEPA as a defense to privacy claims (§ 25:10);

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