

Preface to the 2026-2027 Edition

The *Illinois Civil Jury Instructions Companion Handbook* guides you on using jury instructions as a case-planning tool and contains examples of jury instructions given by Illinois judges, as well as requests for instructions submitted by attorneys in a wide variety of cases. This 2026-2027 Edition replaces the 2025-2026 Edition and reflects updates to several sections in the treatise, as well as the addition of many new sections providing case material on the topics of (partial list):

- § 2:16 Motor vehicle negligence—Right of way—60.01—Picardi v. Illinois State Toll Highway Authority
- § 2:20 Motor vehicle negligence—Pedestrians—Crossing at crosswalk—60.01—Estate of Dawson v. Jilek et al.
- § 3:7 Medical Malpractice—Wrongful death—105.01—Estate of Kalmin v. Chuang et al.
- § 3:9 Medical Malpractice—Wrongful death—105.01—Chemers v. Kadukov et al.
- § 3:34 Professional negligence and medical malpractice—105.01—Estate of Senesac v. Riverside Med. Ctr. et al.
- § 4:5 Premises liability—Duty to an adult lawfully on the property—120.02—Czajkowski v. Chicago Park District
- § 4:7 Premises liability—Duty to an adult lawfully on the property—120.02—Scott v. Sherman
- § 4:8 Premises liability—Duty to an adult lawfully on the property—120.02—Avalos v. Village of Lemont et al.
- § 5:14 Products liability/breach of warranty—Negligence—20.01—Lynch v. Ozinga Ready Mix Concrete Inc.