

Civil Jury Instructions Committee
 State Bar of Arizona
 4201 N. 24th Street, Suite 100
 Phoenix, Arizona 85016 February 4,
 2026
 3:00 pm
 Virtual Meeting
 Minutes

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

P = present virtually; A= absent.

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| Judge Bradley Astrowsky | A | Steven Kramer – Vice Chair | P |
| Arcangelo Cella | A | Richard Langerman | P |
| Venessa Bragg | P | Greg Larson | P |
| Ben Cooper | P | PJ Lopez - Chair | P |
| Thomas Corrigan | A | Jesse Ritchey | P |
| Dominic Gomez | P | Joel Robbins | P |
| Robert Greer | A | James Smith | P |
| Douglas Imperi | P | Daniel Torrens | P |
| Judge Melissa Julian | A | Jayme Weber | A |
| Jack Klecan | P | Angela Wood | A |
| | | Michael Yancey - Resigned | N/A |
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The meeting was called to order at 3:10 by Chair, P.J. Lopez.

The minutes of the December 3, 2025 meeting were approved.

Justice King’s Request: P.J. reported that Justice King had inquired regarding judicial involvement with the RAJI Committee. There was a consensus that judicial involvement with the work of the Committee would be beneficial. P.J. will reach out to the presiding civil judges in every county and request that they invite the civil judges in their county to: (1) participate in the monthly meetings of the Committee and (2) send requests to the Committee to look at issues where either there is no existing RAJI instruction or where the existing instruction needs to be updated.

Premises Liability Subcommittee: Subcommittee chair, Steve Kramer, reported that the subcommittee had not scheduled a meeting.

Commercial Torts Subcommittee: Subcommittee member, Doug Imperi, reported that the subcommittee was working on issues related to damages.

Enhanced Damages Subcommittee: Subcommittee chair, Venessa Bragg, reported that the subcommittee had not scheduled a meeting.

Consortium Subcommittee: Subcommittee member, Steve Kramer, reported on the work of the subcommittee. Ben Cooper resigned from the subcommittee. Venessa Bragg was appointed to the subcommittee.

Legal Relationships Subcommittee: Subcommittee chair, Ben Cooper, reported on the work of the subcommittee. There was a discussion about what subjects (types of entities and kinds of relationships) would be included in the instructions.

Other Business:

Institutional Malpractice Subcommittee: Joel Robbins suggested that the Committee draft instructions for medical malpractice claims against institutions. P.J. established a subcommittee to work on the issue. The Institutional Malpractice Subcommittee will be chaired by Joel Robbins. P.J. Lopez and Jack Klecan volunteered to work on the subcommittee.

Defamation Subcommittee: Ben Cooper suggested that the Committee review and update the Defamation Instructions. P.J. established a Defamation Subcommittee. The Defamation Subcommittee will be chaired by Ben Cooper. Richard Langerman, Jesse Ritchey, and Doug Imperi volunteered to work on the subcommittee.

Call to the Public: Chair Lopez made a call to the public. There was no response.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:49.