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Pa. Constitution Article V, § 10(c)

About the Committee

The committee's mission is to assist the administration of justice in court proceedings by developing pattern jury instructions for use by both the bench and the bar.

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Committee Activities

Civil Instructions

In 2001 and 2002, a working advisory committee reviewed every existing civil jury instruction. Substantial changes were made to many instructions; citations were updated; and, where appropriate, new instructions written. A new edition of the Civil Jury Instructions, expanded to two volumes and including a companion CD-ROM, was published in March 2003.

The subcommittee has set the goal of publishing a new supplement every twelve to 18 months. It hopes to have the next supplement available to publish in mid-2004.

Criminal Instructions

The goal of the criminal instructions subcommittee is to publish a new edition of the Criminal Jury Instructions in 2004. With that in mind, members spent 2003 reviewing instructions and submitting drafts. After preparation of final drafts and incorporation of appropriate comments, the subcommittee hopes to have its first new edition in approximately 25 years published in the summer of 2004.

As with the civil instructions subcommittee, the criminal instructions subcommittee is committed to updating the instructions on a regular basis. AOPC