

JURY INSTRUCTIONS

Jury instructions shall be **jointly** filed in **one document**, including: 1) instructions agreed to by all parties, 2) separate instructions (one for each party) where the parties do not agree, and 3) legal authority supporting ALL proposed instructions whether the parties agree or not. Where the parties do not agree, the opposing party shall clearly state its objection to the proposed instruction, and the proposing party shall clearly state its response.

Unmodified Model Jury Instructions are strongly encouraged and shall be used unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

One side shall be responsible for filing on ECF and emailing to chambers mailbox (Silver_Chambers@azd.uscourts.gov) ALL joint proposed jury instructions. Fonts and formatting are to be consistent and in accordance with the local rules.

Jury instructions are due no later than four weeks before trial, or as ordered by the Court. Any additions to the initial instructions require a re-submission of the entire instructions packet.

After final ruling by the Court on all disputed instructions, it is the joint obligation of counsel to submit one final set of instructions to the Court immediately after the ruling and prior to closing arguments.

Questions regarding jury instruction submissions for **civil** cases are to be directed to the Judicial Assistant at Susan_Garcia@azd.uscourts.gov or 602-322-7520.

Questions regarding jury instruction submissions for **criminal** cases are to be directed to the Courtroom Deputy at Kathy_Lara@azd.uscourts.gov 602-322-7231.