

CrR 30. JURY INSTRUCTIONS

(a) Proposed Instructions Required. Unless otherwise ordered by the court, each party shall file and serve proposed jury instructions.

(b) Format. Each proposed instruction shall be headed with the caption, "Instruction No. _____," permitting the court to fill in the instruction number as required. One set of copies of the proposed instructions shall bear no other caption, and shall include no citations of authority. The original set and all other copies, however, shall comply with the following additional requirements. Each shall be numbered consecutively as "Plaintiff's (or Government's or Defendant's) proposed Instruction No. (fill in number);" and each shall reflect, at the foot of the page, any supporting authority for the instruction.

(c) Filing and Service. Unless otherwise ordered, proposed jury instructions shall be filed and served two days before the trial date. Each party has the right to propose additional or modified instructions during the course of the trial. All proposed instructions must be served on all parties, and the original and three copies (one without citations) filed with the clerk.

(d) Reading Instructions Prior to Argument. The court will normally read instructions to the jury after the close of evidence and prior to argument.

(e) Copy of Instructions for Jury Use. A written set of the court's instructions shall be given to the jury when they retire to deliberate their verdict.

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