

**Civil Jury Instructions Committee**  
State Bar of Arizona  
4201 N. 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100  
Phoenix, Arizona 85016

August 3, 2022  
3:00 pm  
Virtual Meeting

**Minutes**

**MEMBER ATTENDANCE:**

**P = present in person; V = present virtually; A= absent.**

Lincoln Combs	V	Robert Greer	V
Ben Cooper	V	Steven Kramer	V
Alicia Funkhouser	V	Richard Langerman	A
Justin Ackerman	V	PJ Lopez (Chair)	V
Dominic Gomez	V	Hon. Scott McCoy	A
Darlene Gonzalez	V	Nathan Meyer	V
Amy Heiserman	V	Douglas Imperi	V
Jack Klecan	V	Daniel Torrens	A

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** None

**State Bar Staff:** Ilona Kukan

**Minutes taken by:** Ilona Kukan

**CALL TO ORDER – PJ Lopez**

**Time:** The meeting was called to order by Chair, PJ Lopez, at 3:06.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the May 4, 2022 meeting were approved.

**Introduction – New Members:** Justin Ackerman (appellate practice, insurance defense and basic torts), Robert Greer (board certified PI lawyers; handling both plaintiff and defense cases); Douglas Imperi (real estate litigation, employment law, any breach of contract cases).

**Bad Faith Instructions:** Comments to the recent bad faith revisions are due on August 12. Ben Cooper provided a brief history of the drafting of the instructions and also informed the new members of the negative comments received after the last divisive draft was sent out in 2017. In 2021-2022, the subcommittee revisited the instructions again, made moderate revisions which were resubmitted to the whole committee at the May 2022 meeting.

**Punitive Damages Instruction:** The subcommittee was still waiting for the resolution of the Petition for Review in the *Swift Transportation* case.

**Privacy Instructions** – Richard Langerman was not available to present so Chair Lopez provided a brief overview of the status and informed the committee that discussions would at the September 2022 meeting.

**RAJI Guidelines Subcommittee Report** – Richard Langerman was not present at meeting so discussions will resume at the next meeting.

**Breach of Warranty Instructions** – Amy Heiserman reported that the subcommittee did not meet yet.

**Any other business** – Jack Klecan proposed sending newly drafted or revised jury instructions to judges for feedback before sending them out for comment. Ben Cooper suggested that the committee members talk to appellate and trial lawyers to find out if any new instructions need to be drafted.

**Call to the Public:** Chair Lopez made the call to the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32pm.