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Summary

The Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions recommends approval of new and revised civil jury instructions, verdict forms, and user guide content prepared by the committee. Among other things, these changes bring the instructions up to date with developments in the law over the previous six months and add new instructions on implicit or unconscious bias and reasonable accommodation for pregnancy, childbirth, and related conditions. Upon Judicial Council approval, the instructions will be published in the official 2024 edition of the *Judicial Council of California Civil Jury Instructions*.

Recommendation

The Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions recommends that the Judicial Council, effective November 17, 2023, approve for publication under rules 2.1050 and 10.58 of the California Rules of Court:

1. The addition of 3 new instructions: CACI Nos. 2580, *Pregnancy Discrimination--Failure to Accommodate--Essential Factual Elements*; 2581, *Pregnancy Discrimination--"Reasonable Accommodation" Explained*; and 5030, *Implicit or Unconscious Bias*;
2. Revisions to 14 instructions and verdict forms: CACI Nos. 113, 2547, 2549, VF-2700, VF-2701, VF-2702, VF-2706, VF-2707, VF-2708, VF-2709, 3070, 3905A, 4603, and 4702; and
3. Revisions to the Guide for Using Judicial Council of California Civil Jury Instructions (user guide) concerning revision dates.