

**SUPREME COURT OF COLORADO**  
**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE**

**ORDER**

**Concerning the Establishment of the Model Criminal Jury Instructions  
Committee of the Colorado Supreme Court**

I hereby constitute the Model Criminal Jury Instructions Committee of the Colorado Supreme Court. I appoint Justice Nathan B. Coats, Chair; Judges John Daniel Dailey and Nancy J. Lichtenstein, Vice-Chairs; Judge Bradley Allen Burback; Judge Martin F. Egelhoff; Judge David A. Gilbert; Judge Charles R. Greenacre; Judge Gregory M. Lammons; Judge Catherine A. Lemon; Judge Christie Phillips; Judge Valerie J. Robison; Judge Karen A. Romeo; Judge Carlos Armando Samour; Judge Dinsmore Tuttle; Judge Mark D. Warner; and Judge M. Gwyneth Whalen as Members of the Model Criminal Jury Instructions Committee of the Colorado Supreme Court effective immediately and expiring September 30, 2014.

The initial charge of the Model Criminal Jury Instructions Committee is to review and revise the 1983 Colorado Criminal Jury Instructions, which were last formally supplemented in 1993 (along with 2003 and 2008 online supplements), and to publish a consolidated set of Colorado Criminal Jury Instructions that accurately reflect current constitutional, statutory, and case law. This revised publication shall provide a comprehensive resource for both courts and criminal practitioners in their preparation of instructions for specific cases.

The goal of the Committee in revising the Colorado Criminal Jury Instructions is to ensure:

- accuracy in the statement of the law;
- juror comprehension of instructions;
- impartiality of the instructions; and
- uniformity in the treatment of similar cases.

After completion of the initial charge, the ongoing role of the Model Criminal Jury Instructions Committee shall be to periodically review, correct, update, and improve all criminal jury instructions. The Committee shall report to the Chief Justice by annually by August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year in a written report that summarizes the Committee's efforts.

Done at Denver, Colorado this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011, NUNC PRO TUNC October 11, 2011.

  
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Michael L. Bender, Chief Justice