







New Jury Instructions Builder (JIB) is Live and Ready for Use!

The Jury Instruction Committee for the Eighth Circuit is pleased to announce a new tool with increased functionality for both Civil and Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions.

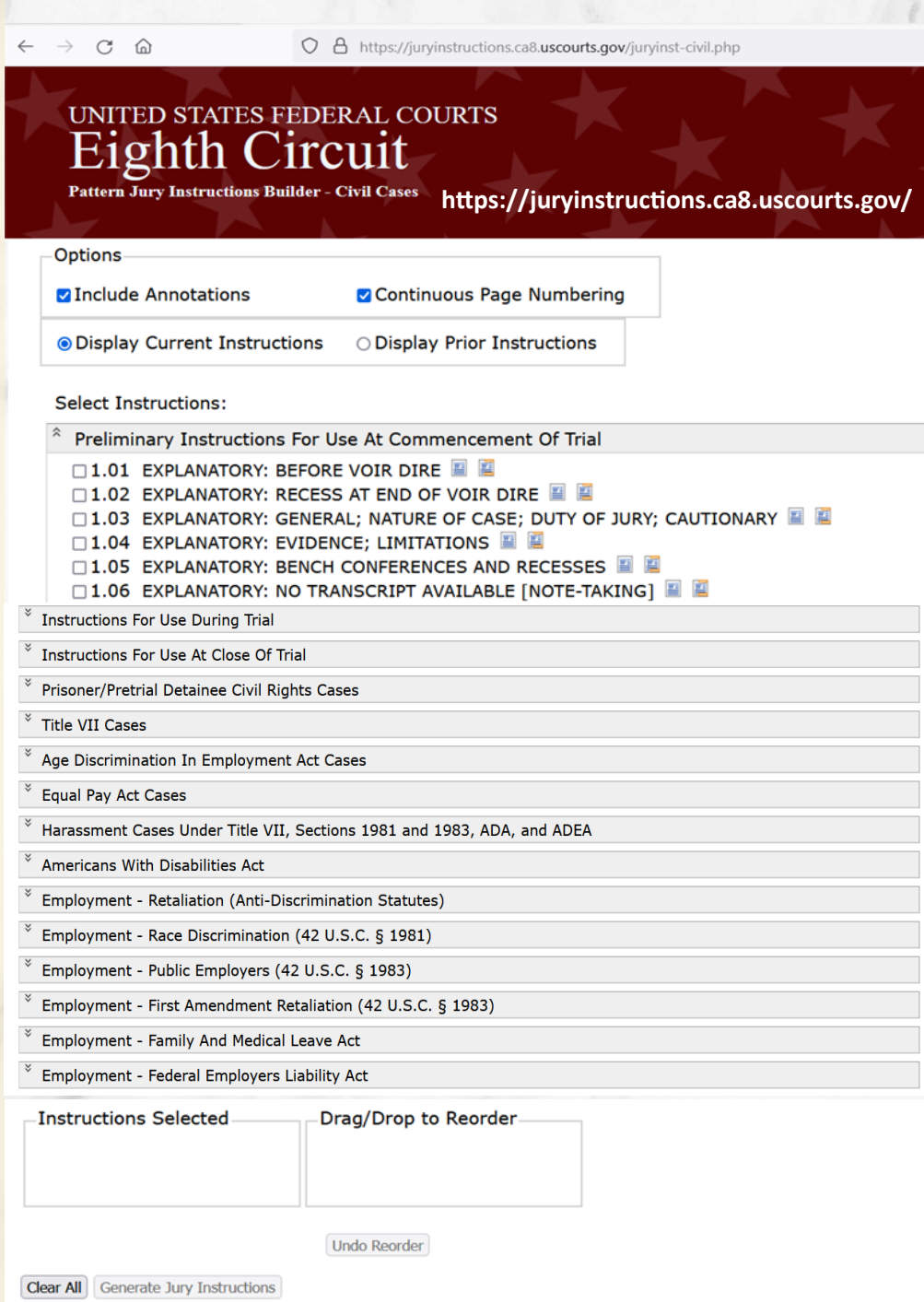
Trial lawyers and judges will benefit from this new tool that enables users to format an entire packet of jury instructions by clicking a few computer keys!

Use of the JIB will ensure that the most current Committee-approved version of instructions are being used.

Other benefits include:

-  No log-in required.
-  Save or print a Microsoft Word copy of selected instructions with or without Committee Comments and Notes on Use.
-  JIB automatically generates Table of Contents.
-  Reorder and paginate instructions to customize your packet of instructions.
-  Content is maintained and updated by court staff in the Eighth Circuit, ensuring feedback goes directly to the Jury Instruction Reporter.
-  Available to bench and bar at:

<https://juryinstructions.ca8.uscourts.gov/>



The screenshot shows the web interface for the Jury Instructions Builder (JIB) on the website <https://juryinstructions.ca8.uscourts.gov/>. The page header features the United States Federal Courts Eighth Circuit logo and the URL. The main content area includes an "Options" section with checkboxes for "Include Annotations" (checked), "Continuous Page Numbering" (checked), "Display Current Instructions" (selected), and "Display Prior Instructions" (unselected). Below this is a "Select Instructions:" section with a dropdown menu for "Preliminary Instructions For Use At Commencement Of Trial" and a list of six explanatory instructions (1.01-1.06) with checkboxes. A list of other instruction categories is shown with expandable arrows, including "Instructions For Use During Trial", "Instructions For Use At Close Of Trial", "Prisoner/Pretrial Detainee Civil Rights Cases", "Title VII Cases", "Age Discrimination In Employment Act Cases", "Equal Pay Act Cases", "Harassment Cases Under Title VII, Sections 1981 and 1983, ADA, and ADEA", "Americans With Disabilities Act", "Employment - Retaliation (Anti-Discrimination Statutes)", "Employment - Race Discrimination (42 U.S.C. § 1981)", "Employment - Public Employers (42 U.S.C. § 1983)", "Employment - First Amendment Retaliation (42 U.S.C. § 1983)", "Employment - Family And Medical Leave Act", and "Employment - Federal Employers Liability Act". At the bottom of the selection area are two boxes labeled "Instructions Selected" and "Drag/Drop to Reorder", an "Undo Reorder" button, and "Clear All" and "Generate Jury Instructions" buttons.

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