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Re: Proposed Model Civil Jury Instructions for Patent Cases
For the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

Dear Mr. Cook:

Thank you for reaching out to the New Jersey State Bar Association about whether model jury charges for patent cases should be drafted by the Model Civil Jury Charges Subcommittee for adoption in the District of New Jersey.

The question was discussed by the Association's Intellectual Property Committee and, ultimately, our Board of Trustees. All agree that the development of model civil jury instructions would be useful for litigants, attorneys and judges involved in patent litigation. There are many resources available for consultation on the project, including "Patent Case Management Guide," published by the Federal Judicial Center, which contains model instructions in the appendices; "Model Jury Instructions: Patent Litigation" from the American Bar Association; "Model Patent Jury Instructions from the Federal Circuit Bar Association; and "Model Patent Jury Instructions" from the American Intellectual Property Law Association. The NJSBA has not comprehensively vetted any of these resources and does not endorse any particular set of instructions, but offers them as a starting place for the Subcommittee's work.

The NJSBA appreciates the efforts of the Subcommittee to engage in this project and respectfully requests that it be permitted to review any proposed model jury charges with an opportunity to provide comment before they are finalized.

Thank you once again for reaching out to the NJSBA. We look forward to assisting further in the Subcommittee's work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christine A. Amalfe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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