

## **Chapter 2. Instructions During Trial.**

### **Introduction**

Trial judges are encouraged, when the occasion arises during the course of the trial, to give pertinent instructions to the jury with the dual purpose of giving the jury meaningful aid when it will do the most good and also of reducing the volume of instructions at the close of the trial.

It may be advisable to instruct the jury both at the time the occasion arises and, if requested by counsel, at the close of the trial.

In this chapter, several forms of instructions are presented of the type which can be given at the appropriate time during the course of the trial. For example, the reading of a deposition or answers to interrogatories may be explained by the court. The trial court may find it expedient, and helpful to the jury, to instruct them during the course of the trial on matters such as cautionary instructions, the definition of circumstantial evidence, and instructions found in other chapters as well.