

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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E. JEAN CARROLL,

Plaintiff,

-against-

20-cv-7311 (LAK)

DONALD J. TRUMP, in his personal capacity,

Defendant.
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VERDICT FORM

Did Ms. Carroll prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, that

1. Ms. Carroll suffered more than nominal damages as a result of Mr. Trump's publication of the June 21 and June 22, 2019 statements?

YES X NO _____

If "Yes," insert the dollar amount for any compensatory damages you award other than for the reputation repair program. If "No," write "\$1."

\$ 7.3m

If "Yes," insert the dollar amount for any compensatory damages you award for the reputation repair program only. If "No," leave blank.

\$ 11m

[Continue to Question 2, whether you answered "Yes" or "No."]

2. In making the June 21, 2019 statement, Mr. Trump acted maliciously, out of hatred, ill will, or spite, vindictively, or in wanton, reckless, or willful disregard of Ms. Carroll's rights?

YES X NO _____

[Continue to Question 3, regardless of whether you answered "Yes" or "No."]

3. In making the June 22, 2019 statement, Mr. Trump acted maliciously, out of hatred, ill will, or spite, vindictively, or in wanton, reckless, or willful disregard of Ms. Carroll's rights?

YES X NO

If you answered "Yes" to either Question 2 or Question 3 (or both), how much, if any, should Mr. Trump pay to Ms. Carroll in punitive damages?

\$ 65m

[Please write your juror number (not your seat number or name) in the space provided below, fill in the date, and inform the officer that you have reached a verdict.]

Dated: January 26, 2024

Juror numbers:

<u>66</u>	<u>34</u>
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YES _____ NO _____

If "Yes," insert the dollar amount for any compensatory damages you award *other than for the reputation repair program*. If "No," write "\$1."

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If "Yes," insert the dollar amount for any compensatory damages you award *for the reputation repair program only*. If "No," leave blank.

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[Continue to Question 2, whether you answered "Yes" or "No."]

2. Ms. Carroll suffered more than nominal damages as a result of Mr. Trump's publication of the June 22, 2019 statement?

YES _____ NO _____

If "Yes," insert the dollar amount for any compensatory damages you award *other than for the reputation repair program*. If "No," write "\$1."

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If "Yes," insert the dollar amount for any compensatory damages you award for the reputation repair program only. If "No," leave blank.

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[Continue to Question 3, whether you answered "Yes" or "No."]

3. In making the June 21, 2019 statement, Mr. Trump acted maliciously, out of hatred, ill will, or spite, vindictively, or in wanton, reckless, or willful disregard of Ms. Carroll's rights?

YES _____ NO _____

[Continue to Question 4, regardless of whether you answered "Yes" or "No."]

4. In making the June 22, 2019 statement, Mr. Trump acted maliciously, out of hatred, ill will, or spite, vindictively, or in wanton, reckless, or willful disregard of Ms. Carroll's rights?

YES _____ NO _____

If you answered "Yes" to either Question 3 or Question 4 (or both), how much, if any, should Mr. Trump pay to Ms. Carroll in punitive damages?

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 Members of the jury, we have reached that point in the trial where you are about to
3 begin your function as jurors. My instructions to you will be in four parts.

4 First, I will describe the verdict form that you will use to address the factual questions
5 that you are to decide and the law to be applied in doing so. Second, I will instruct you about the trial
6 process, including the burden of proof. Third, I will give you instructions concerning your evaluation
7 of the evidence. The fourth and final section of these instructions will relate to your deliberations.

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9 **II. THE LAW AND THE VERDICT FORM**

10 Your verdict in this case will be in the form of answers to “Yes” or “No” questions
11 and questions that ask you to provide, if applicable, dollar amounts. I ask my staff to distribute the
12 verdict form to you now so it may help you to follow the instructions that I am about to give you.

13
14 **A. The Nature of the Case**

15 You of course know that the plaintiff in this case, E. Jean Carroll, is suing the
16 defendant, Donald Trump, for money damages for injuries she claims to have suffered as a result of
17 defamatory statements that Mr. Trump made about her. In the mid-1990s, Ms. Carroll encountered
18 Mr. Trump at the Bergdorf Goodman department store in Manhattan, where he sexually assaulted her.
19 Ms. Carroll’s account of being sexually assaulted by Mr. Trump first was published on June 21,
20 2019. On June 21 and June 22, 2019, Mr. Trump made the defamatory statements at issue in this
21 case, where he publicly denied knowing Ms. Carroll, denied sexually assaulting her, and accused her
22 of making up the assault for ulterior and improper purposes.

23 As I instructed you at the outset of this trial, you are *not* to decide whether Mr. Trump

1 in fact sexually assaulted Ms. Carroll or whether Mr. Trump's June 2019 statements about her were
2 defamatory. There have been prior proceedings relating to these events, including a previous jury trial.
3 And the jury in that case — as well as other proceedings in this Court — already found Mr. Trump
4 liable for sexually assaulting Ms. Carroll and for defaming her in his June 2019 statements.
5 Specifically, the following facts pertinent to this dispute already have been decided:

6 *First*, Mr. Trump sexually abused Ms. Carroll by forcibly inserting his fingers into her
7 vagina without her consent.

8 *Second*, Ms. Carroll did not make up her claim of forcible sexual abuse by Mr. Trump.
9 Mr. Trump's June 21 and 22, 2019 statements were false.

10 *Third*, Mr. Trump knew when he made his June 21 and 22, 2019 statements that they
11 were false, had serious doubts as to the truth of those statements, or made those statements with a
12 high degree of awareness that they probably were false.

13 *Fourth*, Mr. Trump's June 21 and 22, 2019 statements were defamatory. In other words,
14 his false statements tended to disparage Ms. Carroll in the way of her business, office, profession, or
15 trade, or they tended to expose her to hatred, contempt, or aversion, or they tended to induce an evil or
16 an unsavory opinion of her in the minds of a substantial number of people in the community.

17 For your purposes, you must accept these points as true no matter what else you may
18 have heard in this trial. What remains for you to decide are two very limited issues relating to the
19 damages Mr. Trump owes Ms. Carroll for defaming her in his June 2019 statements. To be clear: you
20 will *not* be determining any damages that Ms. Carroll suffered by reason of the forcible sexual assault
21 itself. That already has been done. Your focus will be entirely on damages issues resulting from Mr.
22 Trump's publication of the June 21 and June 22 defamatory statements.

23 First, you must decide whether Ms. Carroll sustained more than nominal damages by

1 reason of Mr. Trump's June 21 and June 22, 2019 statements and, if she did, the amount of money
2 damages that Mr. Trump must pay Ms. Carroll to compensate her for the injury she suffered as a result
3 of each of those statements. These are called compensatory damages.

4 Second, you must decide whether Mr. Trump should be required to pay Ms. Carroll
5 punitive damages as well and, if so, how much he should be required to pay. Punitive damages are
6 intended to punish a defendant and to deter future defamatory statements.

7 I now will discuss these remaining damages issues in turn, with reference to the verdict
8 form that you will be using to decide this case.

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10 **B. The Verdict Form**

11 **1. Questions 1 and 2: Compensatory Damages for June 21 and June 22,**
12 **2019 Statements**

13 A person who has been defamed is entitled to fair and just compensation for the injury
14 to her reputation and for any humiliation and mental anguish in her public and private lives that was
15 caused by the defamatory statement in question. Questions 1 and 2 deal with such damages for Mr.
16 Trump's June 21 and June 22, 2019 statements, PX 1 and PX 2, respectively.

17 For each statement, you will award an amount that, in the exercise of your good
18 judgment and common sense, you decide is fair and just compensation for the injury to Ms. Carroll's
19 reputation and the humiliation and mental anguish in her public and private lives which you decide
20 was caused by Mr. Trump's statement. In fixing that amount, you should consider Ms. Carroll's
21 standing in the community, the nature of Mr. Trump's statement made about Ms. Carroll, the extent
22 to which the statement was circulated, the tendency of the statement to injure a person such as Ms.
23 Carroll, and all of the other facts and circumstances in the case. Compensatory damages cannot be

1 proved with mathematical accuracy. Fair compensation may vary, ranging from one dollar, if you
2 decide that there was no injury, to a substantial sum if you decide that the injury was substantial.

3 [N.Y. Pattern Jury Instr. Civil 3:29 (modified); *Ferri v. Berkowitz*, 561 F.
4 App'x 64, 65 (2d Cir. 2014).]

5 You may award compensatory damages only for those injuries that you find Ms.
6 Carroll has proven by a preponderance of the evidence. Compensatory damages must not be based
7 on speculation or sympathy. They must be based on the evidence presented at trial and only on that
8 evidence.

9 [*Lewis v. City of New York*, 689 F. Supp 2d 417, 429 (E.D.N.Y. 2010)].

10 Further, you may not award compensatory damages more than once for the same
11 injury. For example, where a plaintiff prevails on two claims and establishes that he or she is entitled
12 to \$100 in total compensatory damages for one injury, the plaintiff is not entitled to \$100 in
13 compensatory damages on each claim. Of course, where different injuries are attributed to the
14 separate claims, a plaintiff is entitled to be compensated fully for all of the injuries.

15 During her opening statement, Mr. Trump's attorney asserted that Ms. Carroll had a
16 duty to mitigate or minimize any damage that she suffered as a consequence of Mr. Trump's
17 statements at issue in this case. That statement was incorrect. A person who is defamed has no duty
18 to mitigate or minimize any harm caused to that person by the defamation. A person who defames
19 a plaintiff is liable to the plaintiff for all damages caused to the plaintiff by the defamation.

20 [E.g., *Den Norske Ameriekalinije Actiesselskabet v. Sun Printing and Publishing*
21 *Ass'n*, 226 N.Y. 1, 8-9 (1919); *Kane v. SDM Enterprises, Inc.*, 125 A.D.3d 939, 940
22 (2d Dep't 2015).]

23 Question 1 pertains to compensatory damages for Mr. Trump's June 21, 2019
24 statement, and it has two parts. The first part asks you whether Ms. Carroll has proved by a

1 preponderance of the evidence that she suffered more than just nominal damages from Mr. Trump’s
2 June 21, 2019 statement — meaning that she was injured by that statement in any of the respects that
3 I just described to an extent warranting damages of more than \$1. That is the “Yes” or “No”
4 question. If the answer is “Yes,” you then will fill in the amount you award for all defamation
5 damages attributable to the June 21 statement, *excluding* the reputation repair program that was
6 discussed during Professor Humphreys’s testimony. And then, you will fill in the amount of
7 damages, if any, that you award for the reputation repair program for the June 21, 2019 statement.

8 On the other hand, if your answer to the first part of Question 1 is “No” — that is, if
9 you determine that Ms. Carroll has not proved by a preponderance of the evidence that she suffered
10 more than nominal damages as a result of Mr. Trump’s June 21, 2019 statement — then you will
11 write down \$1 on the second line, and you will leave the third line blank.

12 Regardless of your answer to Question 1, you will go on to Question 2. Question 2
13 is the same as Question 1, but it relates to the June 22, 2019 statement instead of the June 21
14 statement. My instructions on answering Question 1 apply to Question 2 as well.

15 Regardless of your answer to Question 2, you will go on to Question 3.

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17 **2. Questions 3 and 4: Punitive Damages for June 21 and June 22, 2019**
18 **Statements**

19 In addition to seeking compensatory damages, which I covered while discussing
20 Questions 1 and 2, Ms. Carroll asks also that you award punitive damages.

21 Punitive damages may be awarded for defamation to punish a defendant who has
22 acted maliciously and to deter him and others from doing the same. A statement is made maliciously
23 for purposes of Questions 3 and 4 if it is made:

1 (a) with deliberate intent to injure; or

2 (b) out of hatred, ill will, or spite; or

3 (c) in willful, wanton, or reckless disregard of another's rights.

4 [*Celle v. Filipino Rep. Enterprises Inc.*, 209 F.3d 163, 174 (2d Cir. 2000).]

5 Question 3 pertains to Mr. Trump's malice with respect to the June 21, 2019
6 statement. Question 4 pertains to Mr. Trump's malice with respect to the June 22, 2019 statement.
7 If you answer "Yes" to either Question 3 or Question 4, or both — that is, if you find that Ms. Carroll
8 has proved by a preponderance of the evidence that Mr. Trump acted maliciously, as I have just
9 defined that term for you, in making the June 21 or June 22, 2019 statement about Ms. Carroll — you
10 will write down an amount, if any, that you find Mr. Trump should pay to Ms. Carroll in punitive
11 damages. If you answer "No" to both Question 3 and Question 4 — that is, if you find that Ms.
12 Carroll has not proved by a preponderance of the evidence that Mr. Trump's June 21 and June 22,
13 2019 statements were made maliciously — you may not award punitive damages.

14 [*Greenbaum v. Svenska Handelsbanken*, N.Y., 979 F. Supp. 973, 976
15 (S.D.N.Y. 1997), *on reconsideration sub nom. Greenbaum v. Handelsbanken*,
16 26 F. Supp. 2d 649 (S.D.N.Y. 1998); *Celle v. Filipino Rep. Enterprises Inc.*,
17 209 F.3d 163, 184 (2d Cir. 2000); *Corrigan v. Bobbs-Merrill Co.*, 228 N.Y.
18 58, 66, 126 N.E. 260, 263 (1920)].

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20 In arriving at your decision as to the amount of punitive damages to award, should you
21 decide to award any, you should consider:

22 I. Your view of the nature and reprehensibility, if any, of what Mr. Trump did.

23 That would include the character of the wrongdoing and Mr. Trump's
24 awareness of what harm the conduct caused or was likely to cause. In
25 considering the amount of punitive damages to award, you should weigh this

1 factor heavily.

2 II. Any actual and potential harm you conclude was caused or threatened by Mr.
3 Trump's conduct.

4 III. Mr. Trump's financial condition and the impact that any punitive damages
5 you may award will have on him.

6 IV. The amount, if any, you consider necessary to deter Mr. Trump from
7 continuing to defame Ms. Carroll and to punish his misbehavior. In that
8 regard, punitive damages may be considered expressive of the community
9 attitude towards one who willfully and wantonly causes hurt or injury to
10 another.

11 In arriving at your decision, you may consider additionally the relevant circumstances
12 of the making of the June 21 and June 22, 2019 statements, provided that they are not too remote.
13 This includes any subsequent statements that Mr. Trump has made about Ms. Carroll that are in
14 evidence, as well as any other circumstances that indicate the existence of any ill will or hostility
15 between the parties. For Questions 3 and 4, you may take Mr. Trump's other statements into
16 consideration when determining whether he spoke maliciously when he made the June 21 and 22,
17 2019 statements, as well as in determining the amount of punitive damages, if any, that you decide
18 to award insofar as any previous or subsequent conduct by Mr. Trump, in your view, bears on the size
19 of an award necessary to deter him from continuing to defame Ms. Carroll.

20 [*Herbert v. Lando*, 441 U.S. 153, 164 n.12 (1979); *Celle v. Filipino Rep.*
21 *Enterprises Inc.*, 209 F.3d 163, 184 (2d Cir. 2000); *Gertz v. Robert Welch,*
22 *Inc.*, 418 U.S. 323, 350 (1974); *Toomey v. Farley*, 2 N.Y.2d 71, 83, 138
23 N.E.2d 221, 228 (1956)].

24 The amount of punitive damages that you award, if any, must be both reasonable and

1 proportionate to the actual and potential harm suffered by the plaintiff, and to the compensatory
2 damages, if any, you awarded the plaintiff.

3 Regardless of your answer to Question 3, you will go on to Question 4. The
4 instructions I gave you on Question 3 apply also to Question 4. Once you have answered Question
5 4, you will return your verdict in the manner I will describe to you later.

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7 **III. TRIAL PROCESS**

8 I have described to you the law to be applied to the facts and put to you the questions
9 that require answers in order to resolve the claims in this case. Now I will instruct you about the trial
10 process, beginning with the burden of proof.

11

12 **A. Burden of Proof**

13 Ms. Carroll bears the burden of proving her damages by a preponderance of the
14 evidence. As I told you at the outset, proof beyond a reasonable doubt, which is the proper standard
15 of proof in a criminal trial, does not apply to a civil case such as this, and you should put it out of
16 your mind.

17 To establish something by a preponderance of the evidence means to prove that the
18 contention of the party with the burden of proof on that question is more likely true than not true.
19 In other words, a “preponderance” of the evidence means that the party with the burden of proof on
20 a particular question has demonstrated that the odds of that party being right is more than 50-50, even
21 if only by a very tiny amount. It refers to the quality and persuasiveness of the evidence, not to the
22 number of witnesses or documents. In determining whether a claim has been proved by a

1 preponderance of the evidence, you may consider the relevant testimony of all witnesses, regardless
2 of which party may have called them, and all the relevant exhibits received in evidence, regardless
3 of which party may have produced them.

4 If, after considering all of the evidence, you find the evidence of both parties to be
5 exactly in balance — in other words, that the chances of the plaintiffs' contention or the defendants'
6 contention being correct with respect to any question I have put to you are exactly equal — then Ms.
7 Carroll will have failed to sustain her burden of proof on that question, and you must find for the
8 defendant on that issue. On the other hand, if Ms. Carroll has persuaded you on a particular question
9 that her contention is more likely correct than the chances that her opponent is right, even if only by
10 a little, then you must find for her on that particular question.

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12 [Sand, 4 Modern Federal Jury Instructions-Civil P 73.01 (2023); *Waran v.*
13 *Christie's Inc.*, 315 F. Supp. 3d 713, 718 (S.D.N.Y. 2018)].

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15 **B. Role of the Jury**

16 You are the sole and exclusive judges of the facts. I do not mean to indicate any
17 opinion as to the facts or what your verdict should be. The rulings I have made during the trial are
18 not any indication of my views of what your decision ought to be or as to who should prevail here.

19 You are expressly to understand that the Court expresses no opinion as to any of the
20 issues before you or as to how you should decide them.

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22 **C. Role of the Court**

23 Now, as I have told you, is my duty to instruct you as to the law, and it is your duty
24 to accept these instructions of law and apply them to the facts as you determine them.

1 You are to draw no inferences from the fact that I may have asked questions of some
2 of the witnesses and made comments to counsel about the manner in which they made their
3 presentations. I did that to bring out the evidence more quickly, to save time, and to ensure the proper
4 conduct of the trial. I did not intend to suggest any view concerning the credibility of any witness or
5 as to which side should prevail here, and you must not take my comments or questions as having
6 done so. Nor should you consider the fact that I took notes and from time to time made entries on my
7 computer. Whatever I may have noted, or any use by me of the computer, may have had nothing to
8 do with what you are concerned with. You are to decide the case fairly and impartially based solely
9 on the evidence and these instructions.

10
11 **IV. EVALUATION OF EVIDENCE**

12 **A. What Is and Is Not Evidence**

13 The evidence in this case is the sworn testimony of the witnesses, the exhibits
14 received in evidence, and any stipulations between counsel.

15 What is not evidence, however, is questions, arguments, and objections by lawyers.
16 Nor is any witness testimony that I struck or told you to disregard to be considered in any way.

17 In deciding this case, I remind you that you are obliged to consider only the evidence
18 you have seen and heard in this courtroom. Anything that you may have learned elsewhere that could
19 conceivably have a bearing on this case must be disregarded.

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21 **B. Evidence of Deleted Messages**

22 You have heard some evidence and argument during trial concerning whether Ms.

1 Carroll deleted some e-mails or tweets containing death threats from her computer, as well as some
2 mention by defense counsel that she was issued a subpoena in this case. The questions of whether
3 there was any impropriety in Ms. Carroll's actions and, if so, what if anything should be done about
4 it are questions entirely for the Court, not the jury.

5 To the extent you find it to be relevant, however, you are entitled to consider exactly
6 what materials Ms. Carroll disposed of, when she did so, and what bearing, if any, her actions have
7 on the questions of damages before you. I do instruct you, however, that Ms. Carroll had no
8 obligation to preserve anything before she anticipated litigation.

9 [Fed. R. Civ. P. 37(e); *Roszbach v. Montefiore Med. Ctr.*, 81 F.4th 124, 138 (2d Cir.
10 2023); *Europe v. Equinox Holdings, Inc.*, 592 F. Supp. 3d 167, 174 (S.D.N.Y. 2022).]

11
12 **C. Direct and Circumstantial Evidence**

13 Now that I have covered the instructions for certain specific evidence, I will give you
14 instructions with respect to the evidence more generally. There are two types of evidence which you
15 properly may use in reaching your verdict.

16 One type of evidence is direct evidence. Direct evidence is when a witness testifies
17 about something he or she knows by virtue of his or her own senses — something he or she has seen,
18 felt, touched, or heard. Direct evidence may also be in the form of an exhibit.

19 The other kind of evidence is circumstantial evidence. Circumstantial evidence is
20 evidence which tends to prove a disputed fact by proof of other facts. Circumstantial evidence is of
21 no less value than direct evidence. It is a general rule that the law makes no distinction between
22 direct evidence and circumstantial evidence but simply requires that your verdict must be based on
23 a preponderance of *all* the evidence presented.

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[D. Deposition Testimony

Some of the testimony before you is in the form of videotaped depositions that were received in evidence. A deposition is simply a procedure where, prior to trial, the attorneys may question a witness or an adversary party under oath before a court stenographer. You may consider the testimony of a witness given at a deposition according to the same standards you would use to evaluate the testimony of a witness if given live at trial.]

E. Demonstratives

There were times during the course of the trial where counsel for each side had marked and showed to you visual aids called demonstratives. They were shown to you to help you understand the evidence as it came in. They are not themselves evidence, and they were used only as a manner of convenience, so you should consider them accordingly.

[*Cerveceria Modelo de Mexico, S. De R.L. de C.V. v. CB Brand Strategies, LLC*, No. 21-CV-1317 (S.D.N.Y. 2023)].

F. Witness Credibility

You have had the opportunity to observe the witnesses. It is up to you to decide how believable each witness was in his or her testimony in this case, subject to the fact that you are required to accept as true that (1) Mr. Trump sexually abused Ms. Carroll; (2) his June 21 and 22, 2019 statements were false; (3) Mr. Trump knew they were false or made them with a high degree of awareness that they probably were false; and (4) his June 21 and 22, 2019 statements defamed Ms. Carroll. You are the sole judges of the credibility of each witness and of the importance of each

1 witness's testimony. In deciding the weight to give to the testimony of a witness, you should use all
2 the tests for truthfulness that you would use in determining matters of importance to you in your
3 everyday life.

4 Your decision whether or not to believe a witness may depend on how that witness
5 impressed you. You watched each witness testify. Everything a witness said or did on the witness
6 stand [or in the deposition excerpts that you saw] counts in your determination. Did the witness
7 appear to be frank, forthright, and candid? Or did the witness answer questions on direct
8 examination in a responsive and forthcoming manner but answer questions on cross-examination
9 evasively or unresponsively? You should consider the opportunity the witness had to see, hear, and
10 know the things about which he or she testified, the accuracy of the witness's memory, the
11 reasonableness and probability of the witness's testimony, and its consistency or lack of consistency
12 and its corroboration or lack of corroboration with other credible testimony.

13 In evaluating a witness's credibility, you should use your common sense, your good
14 judgment, and your own life experience. Further, you are to perform the duty of evaluating witnesses
15 without bias or prejudice as to any party, and you are to perform that duty with an attitude of
16 complete fairness and impartiality.

17 Finally, should you, in the course of your deliberations, conclude that any witness has
18 intentionally testified falsely as to a material fact during the trial, you are at liberty to disregard all
19 of his or her testimony on the principle that one who testifies falsely as to one material fact may also
20 testify falsely to other facts. But credibility is not necessarily an all or nothing proposition. You may
21 accept so much of any witness's testimony as you believe to be true and accurate and reject only such
22 parts, if any, that you conclude are false or inaccurate.

1 **G. Expert Witness**

2 You also have heard over the course of this trial from an expert witness, specifically
3 Professor Humphreys. An expert witness is a person who, by education and experience, has become
4 expert in some art, science, profession, or calling. Under the rules of evidence, expert witnesses may
5 state their opinions as to matters in which they profess to be an expert and may also state the reasons
6 for their opinions. The purpose of expert testimony is to assist you in understanding the evidence
7 and in reaching an independent decision.

8 In weighing an expert's testimony, you may consider the expert's qualifications, his
9 or her opinions, the bases for the expert's opinions, and all of the other considerations I just described
10 to you in evaluating a witness's credibility. You may give the expert testimony whatever weight, if
11 any, you find it deserves in light of all the evidence in this case. You should not accept the expert
12 witness's testimony just because she is an expert. Even with an expert witness, you should use your
13 common sense, your good judgment, and your own life experience.

14 You may give the expert's testimony as much weight, if any, as you think it deserves
15 in light of all the evidence. You also may reject the testimony of an expert witness in whole or in
16 part if you conclude the reasons given in support of an opinion are unsound or if you for other
17 reasons do not believe the expert witness.

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19 **H. Avoidance of Outside Influence**

20 As you know, this case has attracted a great deal of media attention. Until a verdict
21 is released and you are discharged, you must continue to insulate yourself from all information about
22 this case, except what has come to you in this courtroom. That means no reading, watching, or

1 listening to media coverage or commentary about the case or comments from anyone else, including
2 your friends and loved ones. You are to be sealed from other information. And if anything happens
3 that results in some exposure to some outside source, you are obligated to report it to the Court.
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5 **V. DELIBERATION OF THE JURY**

6 **A. Duty to Deliberate / Unanimous Verdict**

7 You now will retire to decide the issues submitted for your consideration. It is your
8 duty as jurors to consult with one another and to deliberate with the goal of reaching an agreement.
9 Each of you must decide for yourself the answers to the questions I have posed, but you should do
10 so only after considering the case with your fellow jurors, and you should not hesitate to change an
11 opinion when convinced that it is mistaken. Your answers to each question must be unanimous, but
12 you are not required to give up your honest convictions concerning the effect or weight of the
13 evidence for the mere purpose of returning a verdict or solely because of the opinion of other jurors.
14 Discuss and weigh your respective opinions dispassionately, without regard to sympathy, without
15 regard to prejudice or favor for either party, and adopt that conclusion which in your good conscience
16 appears to be in accordance with the truth.
17

18 **B. Notes**

19 Let me remind you, members of the jury, that any notes you may have taken during
20 the trial are for your personal use only. You each may consult your own notes during deliberations,
21 but any notes you may have taken are not to be relied upon during deliberations as a substitute for
22 the collective memory of the jury panel. Your notes should be used as memory aids but should not

1 be given precedence over your independent recollection of the evidence. If you did not take notes,
2 you should rely on your own independent recollection of the proceedings and you should not be
3 influenced by the notes of other jurors. I emphasize that notes are not entitled to any greater weight
4 than the recollection or impression of each juror as to what the testimony may have been.

5 Again, each of you must make your own decision about the proper answer to each
6 question based on your consideration of the evidence and your discussions with your fellow jurors.
7 No juror should surrender his or her conscientious beliefs solely for the purpose of returning a
8 unanimous verdict.

9
10 **C. Citations**

11 During your deliberations, you will have access to a printed copy of the instructions
12 I am now reading to you. You will see that the printed copy of the instructions contains a number
13 of legal citations, which appear in brackets. Those citations were included to aid the lawyers and me,
14 and you are to ignore them in your deliberations. I have instructed you on the principles of law
15 applicable to this case, and you must apply them in the manner that I have explained them to you.
16 I will describe in a moment what you should do if you require a further explanation of any of my
17 instructions.

18
19 **D. All Jurors Required for Deliberation**

20 You are not to discuss the case until all jurors are present. Four or five jurors together
21 is only a gathering of individuals. Only when *all* jurors are present do you constitute a jury, and only
22 then may you deliberate.

1 **E. Selection of Foreperson**

2 When you retire, you must elect one member of the jury as your foreperson. That
3 person will preside over the deliberations and speak for you here in open court.

4 The foreperson will send out any notes and, when the jury has reached a verdict, he
5 or she will notify the Officer that the jury has reached a verdict.

6

7 **F. Verdict Form**

8 As you have seen, the verdict form that each of you has consists of questions
9 concerning the important issues in this case. As I have explained, your answer to one question will
10 determine whether and how you answer a subsequent question, and the verdict form indicates how
11 you should proceed through the form. It is important to follow these instructions, because you should
12 answer every question except where the verdict form indicates otherwise. Further, please do not add
13 anything that is not called for by the verdict form.

14

15 **G. Return of Verdict**

16 After a unanimous decision has been reached, you will record your answers on one
17 copy of the verdict form. The foreperson will fill in the form. Then each juror will write his or her
18 juror number — no names, please! — at the bottom of it and advise the Officer that a verdict has
19 been reached. Do not give the verdict form to the Officer. The foreperson should place it in an
20 envelope and bring it with him or her when you return to the courtroom.

21 I stress that each of you should be in agreement with the verdict that is announced in
22 court. Once your verdict is announced by the foreperson in open court and/or officially recorded, it

1 ordinarily cannot be revoked.

2

3 **H. Communications Between Court and Jury**

4 If during your deliberations you want me to discuss further some of the instructions
5 on the law that I have given you, the foreperson should send out a note through the Officer in a sealed
6 envelope asking for anything you may wish to hear again.

7 If you wish to have testimony read to you, it can be done, but I ask you to do so only
8 when you have exhausted your collective recollection and are certain that you need it. If you do need
9 to have testimony read, then I ask you to state precisely in your note what you want.

10 We will be sending the exhibits into the jury room with you.

11 If you communicate with the Court before reaching a verdict, you must never indicate
12 to the Court how you are divided unless I specifically ask for it.

13

14 **I. Juror Oath**

15 You are reminded that you took an oath to render judgment impartially and fairly,
16 without prejudice, sympathy, or fear, based solely upon the evidence in the case and the applicable
17 law. And I want to elaborate for a moment upon your role under that oath.

18 First of all, you must accept as true the facts I have explained to you that were decided
19 in a previous lawsuit. You may not properly question these. In all other respects, you as jurors are
20 the judges of the facts.

21 I remind you that nothing I have said or done should be taken by you as indicating
22 any view on my part as to what your conclusion should be about the facts — about what, if any,

1 damages Ms. Carroll is entitled to. But in determining Ms. Carroll’s damages — that is, in reaching
2 your decision as to the facts — it is your sworn duty to follow all of the rules of law as I have
3 explained them to you. You may not disregard or question any rule I have stated to you. You must
4 not substitute or follow your own notion or opinion as to what the law is or ought to be. It is your
5 duty to apply the law as I have explained it to you, regardless of the consequences. And that applies
6 to all of the law I have given you.

7 [Tenth Circuit Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions § 1.04 (2021) (modified)].
8

9 Folks, jury service is a duty of citizenship; it is also a privilege. The jury system is
10 *the* bedrock of our justice system — indeed, the right to a trial by jury is enshrined in two separate
11 amendments to our Constitution. Everything we have done here these past two weeks has been to
12 enable you to decide this case fairly.

13 The jury embodies what is perhaps the most fundamental idea of our nation — that
14 “We the People” created it and “We the People” govern it. Indeed, the Constitution begins:

15 “We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish
16 Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the
17 general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity,
18 do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

19 “We the People.” You, ladies and gentlemen of the jury — you stand in for all of “the
20 People.” And to you is committed a vital role in our constitutional system.

21 Your role dates back to the earliest days of our nation. The Constitution vests the
22 judicial power of the United States in one supreme court and in those other courts that Congress sees

1 fit to establish. This is one of those courts. This court in fact has been functioning since 1789. It
2 was the very first U.S. court to hold session under our then-new constitution. It did so even before
3 the first session of the United States Supreme Court. And as jurors, you are part of this Court.

4 Since those earliest days in our nation's history — through wars, through economic
5 depressions, through pandemics — jurors like you have been asked to decide cases. And your role
6 is just the same as the role of the countless jurors before you. You will be entirely fair and impartial
7 to both parties. You will decide the case only on the evidence before you. You will decide the case
8 on the basis of my instructions on the law. This is an important task – doing justice fairly and
9 impartially. I am confident that you will fulfill your duty with the utmost care.

10
11 **J. Exceptions**

12 Members of the jury, I ask you to remain seated for a moment while I confer with the
13 attorneys.

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Importance: High

Good Evening Counsel, Judge Kaplan has asked me to relay that the Court has adopted, in words or in substance, the plaintiff's proposed charges with respect to whether the jury may offset against Ms. Carroll's damages any purported benefit she received and with respect to whether Ms. Carroll consented to or assumed the risk of Mr. Trump's defamatory statements. As to the latter, it intends to charge as requested by the plaintiff in Dkt 275, Exhibit A. It has adopted also plaintiff's request to change the verdict form to combine the questions of compensatory damages with respect to the two statements at issue and has made corresponding changes in the charge.

Andrew Mohan
Courtroom Deputy to Judge Kaplan

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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E. JEAN CARROLL,

Plaintiff,

-against-

20-cv-7311 (LAK)

DONALD J. TRUMP, in his personal capacity,

Defendant.

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JURY INSTRUCTIONS

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 Members of the jury, we have reached that point in the trial where you are about to
3 begin your function as jurors. My instructions to you will be in four parts.

4 First, I will describe the verdict form that you will use to address the factual questions
5 that you are to decide and the law to be applied in doing so. Second, I will instruct you about the trial
6 process, including the burden of proof. Third, I will give you instructions concerning your evaluation
7 of the evidence. The fourth and final section of these instructions will relate to your deliberations.

8

9 **II. THE LAW AND THE VERDICT FORM**

10 Your verdict in this case will be in the form of answers to “Yes” or “No” questions
11 and questions that ask you to provide, if applicable, dollar amounts. I ask my staff to distribute the
12 verdict form to you now so it may help you to follow the instructions that I am about to give you.

13

14 **A. The Nature of the Case**

15 You of course know that the plaintiff in this case, E. Jean Carroll, is suing the
16 defendant, Donald Trump, for money damages for injuries she claims to have suffered as a result of
17 defamatory statements that Mr. Trump made about her. In the mid-1990s, Ms. Carroll encountered
18 Mr. Trump at the Bergdorf Goodman department store in Manhattan, where he sexually assaulted her.
19 Ms. Carroll’s account of being sexually assaulted by Mr. Trump first was published on June 21,
20 2019. On June 21 and June 22, 2019, Mr. Trump made the defamatory statements at issue in this
21 case, where he publicly denied knowing Ms. Carroll, denied sexually assaulting her, and accused her
22 of making up the assault for ulterior and improper purposes.

23 As I instructed you at the outset of this trial, you are *not* to decide whether Mr. Trump

1 in fact sexually assaulted Ms. Carroll or whether Mr. Trump's June 2019 statements about her were
2 defamatory. There have been prior proceedings relating to these events, including a previous jury trial.
3 And the jury in that case — as well as other proceedings in this Court — already found Mr. Trump
4 liable for sexually assaulting Ms. Carroll and for defaming her in his June 2019 statements.
5 Specifically, the following facts pertinent to this dispute already have been decided:

6 *First*, Mr. Trump sexually abused Ms. Carroll by forcibly inserting his fingers into her
7 vagina without her consent.

8 *Second*, Ms. Carroll did not make up her claim of forcible sexual abuse by Mr. Trump.
9 Mr. Trump's June 21 and 22, 2019 statements were false.

10 *Third*, Mr. Trump knew when he made his June 21 and 22, 2019 statements that they
11 were false, had serious doubts as to the truth of those statements, or made those statements with a
12 high degree of awareness that they probably were false.

13 *Fourth*, Mr. Trump's June 21 and 22, 2019 statements were defamatory. In other words,
14 his false statements tended to disparage Ms. Carroll in the way of her business, office, profession, or
15 trade, or they tended to expose her to hatred, contempt, or aversion, or they tended to induce an evil or
16 an unsavory opinion of her in the minds of a substantial number of people in the community.

17 For your purposes, you must accept these points as true no matter what else you may
18 have heard in this trial. What remains for you to decide are two very limited issues relating to the
19 damages Mr. Trump owes Ms. Carroll for defaming her in his June 2019 statements. To be clear: you
20 will *not* be determining any damages that Ms. Carroll suffered by reason of the forcible sexual assault
21 itself. That already has been done. Your focus will be entirely on damages issues resulting from Mr.
22 Trump's publication of the June 21 and June 22, 2019 defamatory statements.

23 First, you must decide whether Ms. Carroll sustained more than nominal damages by

1 reason of Mr. Trump's June 21 and June 22, 2019 statements and, if she did, the amount of money
2 damages that Mr. Trump must pay Ms. Carroll to compensate her for the injury she suffered as a result
3 of those statements. These are called compensatory damages.

4 Second, you must decide whether Mr. Trump should be required to pay Ms. Carroll
5 punitive damages as well and, if so, how much he should be required to pay. Punitive damages are
6 intended to punish a defendant and to deter future defamatory statements.

7 I now will discuss these remaining damages issues in turn, with reference to the verdict
8 form that you will be using to decide this case.

9

10 **B. The Verdict Form**

11 **1. Question 1: Compensatory Damages for June 21 and June 22, 2019**
12 **Statements**

13 A person who has been defamed is entitled to fair and just compensation for the injury
14 to her reputation and for any humiliation and mental anguish in her public and private lives that was
15 caused by the defamatory statement in question. Question 1 deals with such damages for Mr.
16 Trump's June 21 and June 22, 2019 statements, PX 1 and PX 2, respectively.

17 For this question, you will award an amount that, in the exercise of your good
18 judgment and common sense, you decide is fair and just compensation for the injury to Ms. Carroll's
19 reputation and the humiliation and mental anguish in her public and private lives which you decide
20 was caused by Mr. Trump's June 21 and 22, 2019 statements. In fixing that amount, you should
21 consider Ms. Carroll's standing in the community, the nature of Mr. Trump's statement made about
22 Ms. Carroll, the extent to which the statement was circulated, the tendency of the statement to injure
23 a person such as Ms. Carroll, and all of the other facts and circumstances in the case. Compensatory

1 damages cannot be proved with mathematical accuracy. Fair compensation may vary, ranging from
2 one dollar, if you decide that there was no injury, to a substantial sum if you decide that the injury
3 was substantial.

4 [N.Y. Pattern Jury Instr. Civil 3:29 (modified); *Ferri v. Berkowitz*, 561 F.
5 App'x 64, 65 (2d Cir. 2014).]

6 It is Ms. Carroll's burden to prove the nature and extent of her damages and to prove
7 that the damages were caused by Mr. Trump's actions. You may award compensatory damages only
8 for those injuries that you find Ms. Carroll has proven by a preponderance of the evidence.
9 Compensatory damages must not be based on speculation or sympathy. They must be based on the
10 evidence presented at trial and only on that evidence.

11 [*Lewis v. City of New York*, 689 F. Supp 2d 417, 429 (E.D.N.Y. 2010)].

12 Further, you may not award compensatory damages more than once for the same
13 injury. For example, where a plaintiff prevails on two claims and establishes that he or she is entitled
14 to \$100 in total compensatory damages for one injury, the plaintiff is not entitled to \$100 in
15 compensatory damages on each claim. Of course, where different injuries are attributed to the
16 separate claims, a plaintiff is entitled to be compensated fully for all of the injuries.

17 During her opening statement, Mr. Trump's attorney asserted that Ms. Carroll had a
18 duty to mitigate or minimize any damage that she suffered as a consequence of Mr. Trump's
19 statements at issue in this case. That statement was incorrect. A person who is defamed has no duty
20 to mitigate or minimize any harm caused to that person by the defamation. A person who defames
21 a plaintiff is liable to the plaintiff for all damages caused to the plaintiff by the defamation.

22 [E.g., *Den Norske Ameriekalinije Actiesselskabet v. Sun Printing and Publishing*
23 *Ass'n*, 226 N.Y. 1, 8-9 (1919); *Kane v. SDM Enterprises, Inc.*, 125 A.D.3d 939, 940
24 (2d Dep't 2015).]

1 In addition, the harm, if any, that Mr. Trump caused to Ms. Carroll's reputation by
2 his defamatory statements is not mitigated, reduced, or offset by any benefit to her reputation that Mr.
3 Trump may claim that his defamatory statements or Ms. Carroll's allegations against him caused in
4 some parts of the community. You are not to consider any such reputational benefits, if any, in
5 deciding on a damages award in this case.

6 Question 1 pertains to compensatory damages for Mr. Trump's June 21 and June 22,
7 2019 statements, and it has two parts. The first part asks you whether Ms. Carroll has proved by a
8 preponderance of the evidence that she suffered more than just nominal damages from Mr. Trump's
9 June 21 and 22, 2019 statements — meaning that she was injured by those statements in any of the
10 respects that I just described to an extent warranting damages of more than \$1. That is the "Yes"
11 or "No" question. If the answer is "Yes," you then will fill in the amount you award for all
12 defamation damages attributable to the June 21 and June 22 statements, *excluding* the reputation
13 repair program that was discussed during Professor Humphreys's testimony. And then, you will fill
14 in the amount of damages, if any, that you award for the reputation repair program for the June 21
15 and June 22, 2019 statements.

16 On the other hand, if your answer to the first part of Question 1 is "No" — that is, if
17 you determine that Ms. Carroll has not proved by a preponderance of the evidence that she suffered
18 more than nominal damages as a result of Mr. Trump's June 21 and June 22, 2019 statements — then
19 you will write down \$1 on the second line, and you will leave the third line blank.

20 Regardless of your answer to Question 1, you will go on to Question 2.

21

1 In arriving at your decision as to the amount of punitive damages to award, should you
2 decide to award any, you should consider:

- 3 I. Your view of the nature and reprehensibility, if any, of what Mr. Trump did.
4 That would include the character of the wrongdoing and Mr. Trump's
5 awareness of what harm the conduct caused or was likely to cause. In
6 considering the amount of punitive damages to award, you should weigh this
7 factor heavily.
- 8 II. Any actual and potential harm you conclude was caused or threatened by Mr.
9 Trump's conduct.
- 10 III. Mr. Trump's financial condition and the impact that any punitive damages
11 you may award will have on him.
- 12 IV. The amount, if any, you consider necessary to deter Mr. Trump from
13 continuing to defame Ms. Carroll and to punish his misbehavior. In that
14 regard, punitive damages may be considered expressive of the community
15 attitude towards one who willfully and wantonly causes hurt or injury to
16 another.

17 In arriving at your decision, you may consider additionally the relevant circumstances
18 of the making of the June 21 and June 22, 2019 statements, provided that they are not too remote.
19 This includes any subsequent statements Mr. Trump has made about Ms. Carroll, as well as any other
20 circumstances, that are in evidence and that indicate the existence of any ill will or hostility between
21 the parties. For Questions 2 and 3, you may take Mr. Trump's other statements into consideration
22 when determining whether he spoke maliciously when he made the June 21 and 22, 2019 statements,

1 as well as in determining the amount of punitive damages, if any, that you decide to award insofar
2 as any previous or subsequent conduct by Mr. Trump, in your view, bears on the size of an award
3 necessary to deter him from making defamatory statements about Ms. Carroll in the future.

4 [Herbert v. Lando, 441 U.S. 153, 164 n.12 (1979); Celle v. Filipino Rep.
5 Enterprises Inc., 209 F.3d 163, 184 (2d Cir. 2000); Gertz v. Robert Welch,
6 Inc., 418 U.S. 323, 350 (1974); Toomey v. Farley, 2 N.Y.2d 71, 83, 138
7 N.E.2d 221, 228 (1956)].

8 The amount of punitive damages that you award, if any, must be both reasonable and
9 proportionate to the actual and potential harm suffered by the plaintiff, and to the compensatory
10 damages, if any, you awarded the plaintiff.

11 Regardless of your answer to Question 2, you will go on to Question 3. The
12 instructions I gave you on Question 2 apply also to Question 3. Once you have answered Question
13 3, you will return your verdict in the manner I will describe to you later.

14

15 **III. TRIAL PROCESS**

16 I have described to you the law to be applied to the facts and put to you the questions
17 that require answers in order to resolve the claims in this case. Now I will instruct you about the trial
18 process, beginning with the burden of proof.

19

20 **A. Burden of Proof**

21 Ms. Carroll bears the burden of proving her damages by a preponderance of the
22 evidence. As I told you at the outset, proof beyond a reasonable doubt, which is the proper standard
23 of proof in a criminal trial, does not apply to a civil case such as this, and you should put it out of
24 your mind.

1 To establish something by a preponderance of the evidence means to prove that the
2 contention of the party with the burden of proof on that question is more likely true than not true.
3 In other words, a “preponderance” of the evidence means that the party with the burden of proof on
4 a particular question has demonstrated that the odds of that party being right are more than 50-50,
5 even if only by a very tiny amount. It refers to the quality and persuasiveness of the evidence, not to
6 the number of witnesses or documents. In determining whether a claim has been proved by a
7 preponderance of the evidence, you may consider the relevant testimony of all witnesses, regardless
8 of which party may have called them, and all the relevant exhibits received in evidence, regardless
9 of which party may have produced them.

10 If, after considering all of the evidence, you find the evidence of both parties to be
11 exactly in balance — in other words, that the chances of the plaintiff’s contention or the defendant’s
12 contention being correct with respect to any question I have put to you are exactly equal — then Ms.
13 Carroll will have failed to sustain her burden of proof on that question, and you must find for the
14 defendant on that issue. On the other hand, if Ms. Carroll has persuaded you on a particular question
15 that her contention is more likely correct than the chances that her opponent is right, even if only by
16 a little, then you must find for her on that particular question.

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18 [Sand, 4 Modern Federal Jury Instructions-Civil P 73.01 (2023); *Waran v.*
19 *Christie’s Inc.*, 315 F. Supp. 3d 713, 718 (S.D.N.Y. 2018)].

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21 **B. Role of the Jury**

22 You are the sole and exclusive judges of the facts. I do not mean to indicate any
23 opinion as to the facts or what your verdict should be. The rulings I have made during the trial are
24 not any indication of my views of what your decision ought to be or as to who should prevail here.

1 You are to understand that the Court expresses no opinion as to how you should
2 decide any of the issues before you.

3

4 **C. Role of the Court**

5 Now, as I have told you, it is my duty to instruct you as to the law, and it is your duty
6 to accept these instructions of law and apply them to the facts as you determine them.

7 You are to draw no inferences from the fact that I may have asked questions of some
8 of the witnesses and made comments to counsel about the manner in which they made their
9 presentations. I did that to bring out the evidence more quickly, to save time, and to ensure the proper
10 conduct of the trial. I did not intend to suggest any view concerning the credibility of any witness or
11 as to which side should prevail here, and you must not take my comments or questions as having
12 done so. Nor should you consider the fact that I took notes and from time to time made entries on my
13 computer. Whatever I may have noted, or any use by me of the computer, may have had nothing to
14 do with what you are concerned with. You are to decide the case fairly and impartially based solely
15 on the evidence and these instructions.

16

17 **IV. EVALUATION OF EVIDENCE**

18 **A. What Is and Is Not Evidence**

19 The evidence in this case is the sworn testimony of the witnesses, the exhibits
20 received in evidence, and any stipulations between counsel.

21 What is not evidence, however, are questions, arguments, and objections by lawyers.
22 Nor is any witness testimony that I struck or told you to disregard to be considered in any way.

1 In deciding this case, I remind you that you are obliged to consider only the evidence
2 you have seen and heard in this courtroom. Anything that you may have learned elsewhere that could
3 conceivably have a bearing on this case must be disregarded.

4
5 **B. Evidence of Deleted Messages**

6 You have heard some evidence and argument during trial concerning whether Ms.
7 Carroll deleted some e-mails or tweets containing death threats from her computer, as well as some
8 mention by defense counsel that she was issued a subpoena in this case. The question of whether Ms.
9 Carroll's conduct implicated any legal duty is entirely for the Court, not for the jury. I do instruct
10 you, however, that Ms. Carroll had no legal obligation to preserve anything before she reasonably
11 anticipated litigation. Beyond that, whether her conduct implicated any legal duty is not your
12 concern. You are entitled to consider exactly what materials, if any, Ms. Carroll disposed of, why
13 and when she did so, and whether those materials and her testimony affect the question of damages
14 before you.

15 [Fed. R. Civ. P. 37(e); *Roszbach v. Montefiore Med. Ctr.*, 81 F.4th 124, 138 (2d Cir.
16 2023); *Europe v. Equinox Holdings, Inc.*, 592 F. Supp. 3d 167, 174 (S.D.N.Y. 2022).]

17
18 **C. Consent or Assumption of the Risk**

19 You may have heard argument or evidence suggesting that Ms. Carroll — by revealing
20 in June 2019 that Mr. Trump had sexually assaulted her — assumed the risk that he would respond
21 with defamatory statements, consented to such statements, or authorized Mr. Trump to make such
22 statements as a form of self-defense. I instruct you, as a matter of law, that Ms. Carroll did not
23 consent to Mr. Trump's defamatory statements, or otherwise grant him lawful permission to defame

1 her, by publicly stating in June 2019 that he had ^{not} sexually assaulted her. As I have instructed you, it
2 has already been established that Mr. Trump's statements were false and defamatory, and the only
3 questions for you concern what harm, if any, Mr. Trump's statements caused Ms. Carroll, and, if they
4 did cause her harm, what damages Mr. Trump must pay.

5
6 **D. Direct and Circumstantial Evidence**

7 Now that I have covered the instructions for certain specific evidence, I will give you
8 instructions with respect to the evidence more generally. There are two types of evidence which you
9 properly may use in reaching your verdict.

10 One type of evidence is direct evidence. Direct evidence is when a witness testifies
11 about something he or she knows by virtue of his or her own senses — something he or she has seen,
12 felt, touched, or heard. Direct evidence may also be in the form of an exhibit.

13 The other kind of evidence is circumstantial evidence. Circumstantial evidence is
14 evidence which tends to prove a disputed fact by proof of other facts. Circumstantial evidence is of
15 no less value than direct evidence. It is a general rule that the law makes no distinction between
16 direct evidence and circumstantial evidence but simply requires that your verdict must be based on
17 a preponderance of *all* the evidence presented.

18
19 **E. Deposition Testimony**

20 Some of the testimony before you is in the form of videotaped depositions that were
21 received in evidence. A deposition is simply a procedure where, prior to trial, the attorneys may
22 question a witness or an adversary party under oath before a court stenographer. You may consider

1 the testimony of a witness given at a deposition according to the same standards you would use to
2 evaluate the testimony of a witness if given live at trial.

3
4 **F. Demonstratives**

5 There were times during the course of the trial where counsel for each side had
6 marked and showed to you visual aids called demonstratives. They were shown to you to help you
7 understand the evidence as it came in. They are not themselves evidence, and they were used only
8 as a manner of convenience, so you should consider them accordingly.

9 [Cerveceria Modelo de Mexico, S. De R.L. de C.V. v. CB Brand Strategies, LLC, No.
10 21-CV-1317 (S.D.N.Y 2023)].

11
12 **G. Witness Credibility**

13 You have had the opportunity to observe the witnesses. It is up to you to decide how
14 believable each witness was in his or her testimony in this case, subject to the fact that you are
15 required to accept as true that (1) Mr. Trump sexually abused Ms. Carroll; (2) his June 21 and 22,
16 2019 statements were false; (3) Mr. Trump knew they were false or made them with a high degree
17 of awareness that they probably were false; and (4) his June 21 and 22, 2019 statements defamed Ms.
18 Carroll. You are the sole judges of the credibility of each witness and of the importance of each
19 witness's testimony. In deciding the weight to give to the testimony of a witness, you should use all
20 the tests for truthfulness that you would use in determining matters of importance to you in your
21 everyday life.

22 Your decision whether or not to believe a witness may depend on how that witness
23 impressed you. You watched each witness testify. Everything a witness said or did on the witness

1 stand or in the deposition excerpts that you saw counts in your determination. Did the witness appear
2 to be frank, forthright, and candid? Or did the witness answer questions on direct examination in a
3 responsive and forthcoming manner but answer questions on cross-examination evasively or
4 unresponsively? You should consider the opportunity the witness had to see, hear, and know the
5 things about which he or she testified, the accuracy of the witness's memory, the reasonableness and
6 probability of the witness's testimony, and its consistency or lack of consistency and its corroboration
7 or lack of corroboration with other credible testimony.

8 In evaluating a witness's credibility, you should use your common sense, your good
9 judgment, and your own life experience. Further, you are to perform the duty of evaluating witnesses
10 without bias or prejudice as to any party, and you are to perform that duty with an attitude of
11 complete fairness and impartiality.

12 Finally, should you, in the course of your deliberations, conclude that any witness has
13 intentionally testified falsely as to a material fact during the trial, you are at liberty to disregard all
14 of his or her testimony on the principle that one who testifies falsely as to one material fact may also
15 testify falsely to other facts. But credibility is not necessarily an all or nothing proposition. You may
16 accept so much of any witness's testimony as you believe to be true and accurate and reject only such
17 parts, if any, that you conclude are false or inaccurate.

18

19 **H. Expert Witness**

20 You also have heard over the course of this trial from an expert witness, specifically
21 Professor Humphreys. An expert witness is a person who, by education and experience, has become
22 expert in some art, science, profession, or calling. Under the rules of evidence, expert witnesses may

1 state their opinions as to matters in which they profess to be an expert and may also state the reasons
2 for their opinions. The purpose of expert testimony is to assist you in understanding the evidence
3 and in reaching an independent decision.

4 In weighing the expert's testimony, you may consider the expert's qualifications, her
5 opinions, the bases for the expert's opinions, and all of the other considerations I just described to
6 you in evaluating a witness's credibility. You may give the expert testimony whatever weight, if any,
7 you find it deserves in light of all the evidence in this case. You should not accept the expert
8 witness's testimony just because she is an expert. Even with an expert witness, you should use your
9 common sense, your good judgment, and your own life experience.

10 You may give the expert's testimony as much weight, if any, as you think it deserves
11 in light of all the evidence. You also may reject the testimony of an expert witness in whole or in
12 part if you conclude the reasons given in support of an opinion are unsound or if you for other
13 reasons do not believe the expert witness.

14

15 **I. Avoidance of Outside Influence**

16 As you know, this case has attracted a great deal of media attention. Until a verdict
17 is released and you are discharged, you must continue to insulate yourself from all information about
18 this case, except what has come to you in this courtroom. That means no reading, watching, or
19 listening to media coverage or commentary about the case or comments from anyone else, including
20 your friends and loved ones. You are to be sealed from other information. And if anything happens
21 that results in some exposure to some outside source, you are obligated to report it to the Court.

22

1 **V. DELIBERATION OF THE JURY**

2 **A. Duty to Deliberate / Unanimous Verdict**

3 You now will retire to decide the issues submitted for your consideration. It is your
4 duty as jurors to consult with one another and to deliberate with the goal of reaching an agreement.
5 Each of you must decide for yourself the answers to the questions I have posed, but you should do
6 so only after considering the case with your fellow jurors, and you should not hesitate to change an
7 opinion when convinced that it is mistaken. Your answers to each question must be unanimous, but
8 you are not required to give up your honest convictions concerning the effect or weight of the
9 evidence for the mere purpose of returning a verdict or solely because of the opinion of other jurors.
10 Discuss and weigh your respective opinions dispassionately, without regard to sympathy, without
11 regard to prejudice or favor for either party, and adopt that conclusion which in your good conscience
12 appears to be in accordance with the truth.

13
14 **B. Notes**

15 Let me remind you, members of the jury, that any notes you may have taken during
16 the trial are for your personal use only. You each may consult your own notes during deliberations,
17 but any notes you may have taken are not to be relied upon during deliberations as a substitute for
18 the collective memory of the jury panel. Your notes should be used as memory aids but should not
19 be given precedence over your independent recollection of the evidence. If you did not take notes,
20 you should rely on your own independent recollection of the proceedings and you should not be
21 influenced by the notes of other jurors. I emphasize that notes are not entitled to any greater weight
22 than the recollection or impression of each juror as to what the testimony may have been.

1 Again, each of you must make your own decision about the proper answer to each
2 question based on your consideration of the evidence and your discussions with your fellow jurors.
3 No juror should surrender his or her conscientious beliefs solely for the purpose of returning a
4 unanimous verdict.

5
6 **C. Citations**

7 During your deliberations, you will have access to a printed copy of the instructions
8 I am now reading to you. You will see that the printed copy of the instructions contains a number
9 of legal citations, which appear in brackets. Those citations were included to aid the lawyers and me,
10 and you are to ignore them in your deliberations. I have instructed you on the principles of law
11 applicable to this case, and you must apply them in the manner that I have explained them to you.
12 I will describe in a moment what you should do if you require a further explanation of any of my
13 instructions.

14
15 **D. All Jurors Required for Deliberation**

16 You are not to discuss the case until all jurors are present. Four or five jurors together
17 is only a gathering of individuals. Only when *all* jurors are present do you constitute a jury, and only
18 then may you deliberate.

19
20 **E. Selection of Foreperson**

21 When you retire, you must elect one member of the jury as your foreperson. That
22 person will preside over the deliberations and speak for you here in open court.

1 The foreperson will send out any notes and, when the jury has reached a verdict, he
2 or she will notify the Officer that the jury has reached a verdict.

3
4 **F. Verdict Form**

5 As you have seen, the verdict form that each of you has consists of questions
6 concerning the important issues in this case. As I have explained, your answer to one question will
7 determine whether and how you answer a subsequent question, and the verdict form indicates how
8 you should proceed through the form. It is important to follow these instructions, because you should
9 answer every question except where the verdict form indicates otherwise. Further, please do not add
10 anything that is not called for by the verdict form.

11
12 **G. Return of Verdict**

13 After a unanimous decision has been reached, you will record your answers on one
14 copy of the verdict form. The foreperson will fill in the form. Then each juror will write his or her
15 juror number — no names, please! — at the bottom of it and advise the Officer that a verdict has
16 been reached. Do not give the verdict form to the Officer. The foreperson should place it in an
17 envelope and bring it with him or her when you return to the courtroom.

18 I stress that each of you should be in agreement with the verdict that is announced in
19 court. Once your verdict is announced by the foreperson in open court and/or officially recorded, it
20 ordinarily cannot be revoked.

21

1 **H. Communications Between Court and Jury**

2 If during your deliberations you want me to discuss further some of the instructions
3 on the law that I have given you, the foreperson should send out a note through the Officer in a sealed
4 envelope asking for anything you may wish to hear again.

5 If you wish to have testimony read to you, it can be done, but I ask you to do so only
6 when you have exhausted your collective recollection and are certain that you need it. If you do need
7 to have testimony read, then I ask you to state precisely in your note what you want.

8 We will be sending the exhibits into the jury room with you.

9 If you communicate with the Court before reaching a verdict, you must never indicate
10 to the Court how you are divided unless I specifically ask for it.

11
12 **I. Juror Oath**

13 You are reminded that you took an oath to render judgment impartially and fairly,
14 without prejudice, sympathy, or fear, based solely upon the evidence in the case and the applicable
15 law. And I want to elaborate for a moment upon your role under that oath.

16 First of all, you must accept as true the facts I have explained to you that were decided
17 in a previous lawsuit. You may not properly question these. In all other respects, you as jurors are
18 the judges of the facts.

19 I remind you that nothing I have said or done should be taken by you as indicating
20 any view on my part as to what your conclusion should be about the facts — about what, if any,
21 damages Ms. Carroll is entitled to. But in determining Ms. Carroll's damages — that is, in reaching
22 your decision as to the facts — it is your sworn duty to follow all of the rules of law as I have

1 explained them to you. You may not disregard or question any rule I have stated to you. You must
2 not substitute or follow your own notion or opinion as to what the law is or ought to be. It is your
3 duty to apply the law as I have explained it to you, regardless of the consequences. And that applies
4 to all of the law I have given you.

5 [Tenth Circuit Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions § 1.04 (2021) (modified)].

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7 Folks, jury service is a duty of citizenship; it is also a privilege. The jury system is
8 *the* bedrock of our justice system — indeed, the right to a trial by jury is enshrined in two separate
9 amendments to our Constitution. Everything we have done here these past two weeks has been to
10 enable you to decide this case fairly.

11 The jury embodies what is perhaps the most fundamental idea of our nation — that
12 “We the People” created it and “We the People” govern it. Indeed, the Constitution begins:

13 “We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish
14 Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the
15 general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity,
16 do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

17 “We the People.” You, ladies and gentlemen of the jury — you stand in for all of “the
18 People.” And to you is committed a vital role in our constitutional system.

19 Your role dates back to the earliest days of our nation. The Constitution vests the
20 judicial power of the United States in one supreme court and in those other courts that Congress sees
21 fit to establish. This is one of those courts. This court in fact has been functioning since 1789. It
22 was the very first U.S. court to hold session under our then-new constitution. It did so even before

1 the first session of the United States Supreme Court. And as jurors, you are part of this Court.

2 Since those earliest days in our nation's history — through wars, through economic
3 depressions, through pandemics — jurors like you have been asked to decide cases. And your role
4 is just the same as the role of the countless jurors before you. You will be entirely fair and impartial
5 to both parties. You will decide the case only on the evidence before you. You will decide the case
6 on the basis of my instructions on the law. This is an important task – doing justice fairly and
7 impartially. I am confident that you will fulfill your duty with the utmost care.

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9 **J. Exceptions**

10 Members of the jury, I ask you to remain seated for a moment while I confer with the
11 attorneys.