### IDJI 6.01.1 – Elements of contract - introductory

INSTRUCTION NO. \_\_\_\_

A contract is an agreement between two or more parties to do or not do something that is supported by consideration.

There are four elements to complete a contract. Every contract must have these four elements. The four elements are:

1. Competent parties;

2. A lawful purpose;

3. Valid consideration; and

4. Mutual agreement by all parties to all essential terms.

It is not disputed that the following elements are present in the contract alleged in this case: [State the elements of the contract that are not in dispute, such as “The parties are competent to enter into a contract, and the alleged contract was for a lawful purpose.”].

Comment:

 The committee recommends that this instruction be used only where the jury actually needs a "lecture on contracts" The detailed instruction should usually be unnecessary, as only specific issues in dispute need be covered.