

## **JURY INSTRUCTIONS**

*King John v. Williama d'Aubigny, Lord of Belvoir Castle, et al*

### **Instruction 1**

If King John's signature was physically compelled by duress, the *Magna Carta* is voidable.

### **Instruction 2**

If King John's signature was induced by an improper threat by the rebel barons that left him no reasonable alternative, the *Magna Carta* is voidable.

### **Instruction 3**

- (1) A threat by the rebel barons was improper if
- (a) what was threatened was a crime or a tort, or the threat itself would have been a crime or a tort if it had resulted in obtaining property, or
  - (b) what was threatened was criminal prosecution,

OR

- (2) A threat by the rebel barons was improper if the resulting exchange was not on fair terms, and
- (a) the threatened act would have harmed the recipient and would not have significantly benefited the party making the threat, or
  - (b) the effectiveness of the threat in inducing the manifestation of assent was significantly increased by prior unfair dealing by the rebel barons, or
  - (c) what was threatened was otherwise a use of power for illegitimate ends.