

DUTY OF JURY

- Determine the facts from the evidence
- Decide the credibility of the witnesses
- Follow the law as instructed
- Keep an open mind until deliberations
- Render a fair and impartial verdict based only on the evidence and the law

NOT EVIDENCE/NOT TO BE CONSIDERED

- Statements, arguments and questions by lawyers
- Objections to questions
- Excluded testimony
- Anything outside of courtroom

TWO KINDS OF EVIDENCE

- Direct
- Circumstantial

Rules for Criminal Cases

- The Defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.
- The burden of proof is on the government until the very end of the case.
- The government must prove the Defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Specific Counts

CONDUCT OF THE JURY

- Trial is not a popularity contest
- Do not talk with any participants
- Do not discuss anything about the case with anyone
- Do not tell anyone you are serving as a juror on this case
- Do not even discuss the case with the other jurors until instructed to begin deliberations

- Do not email other members of the jury panel until you are released from jury duty
- Decide the case based only on evidence presented in the courtroom
- Do not conduct your own research or investigation
- Avoid news reports about the case

