

465 CLOSING INSTRUCTION: OPTIONAL SHORT FORM

You are to decide this case fairly and impartially, without fear or favor, and without passion or prejudice.

You are to decide only whether the defendant is guilty or not guilty of the offense[s] charged. Any consequences of your verdict are matters for the court alone to decide and must not affect your deliberations.

[Give instructions on the verdicts submitted.]

COMMENT

Wis JI-Criminal 465 was originally published in 1962. It was republished without change in 1994 and 2000. This revision was approved by the Committee in July 2009; it added the last two sentences regarding consequences of the verdict.