

**515A FIVE-SIXTHS VERDICT AND SELECTION OF PRESIDING JUROR:  
FORFEITURE ACTIONS**

In this case, the law provides that the verdict must be agreed to by five-sixths or more of the jury. Any verdict returned by the jury shall be agreed to by at least (five) (ten) of the jurors. I ask you to try to be unanimous if you can.

When you retire to the jury room, select one of your members to preside over your deliberations. That person's vote is entitled to no greater weight than the vote of any other juror.

When you have agreed upon your verdict, have it signed and dated by the person you have selected to preside. At the foot of the verdict, you will find a place provided where dissenting jurors, if there be any, will sign their names. Either the blank lines or the space below them may be used for that purpose.

Swear the officer.

**COMMENT**

This instruction was originally published as Wis JI-Criminal 515.1 in 1993, replacing Wis JI-Criminal 2055, which was originally published in 1962. This revision was approved by the Committee in December 2000 and involved adoption of a new format and nonsubstantive changes to the text. It renumbered the instruction Wis JI-Criminal 515A.

For discussion of the five-sixths verdict in civil cases, see Wis JI-Civil 180.