

DISCUSSION PROHIBITED

This instruction is included in Instruction 1.120 (Preliminary Instruction to Jury Before Trial). Therefore, this instruction need not be given if Instruction 1.120 is used.

Until this case is submitted to you after my final instructions, you must not discuss it with anyone – not even with the other jurors.

Discussion can lead to conclusions being drawn or positions being taken prematurely. Fairness requires you to keep an open mind about everything until your deliberations.

You may only consider evidence presented to you in the courtroom. You may not conduct any investigation on your own; nor may you engage in any research on the law that might apply in this case.

You have been chosen precisely because you are impartial. As soon as you take on the role of investigator or lawyer, you become an advocate and lose your ability to be impartial.

You may not use outside electronic devices such as cell phones or computers nor the internet, social media, news reports, maps, legal texts or dictionaries to learn things outside of what is presented here.

You may not discuss this case with anyone, not even with your fellow jurors. You must not talk to anyone about this case in person, by telephone, the internet, email, or social media. This includes family and friends.