3-07/100.00 - Taking the Verdict

When the jury has agreed upon its verdict, the bailiff who has been placed in charge of the jury will escort them back into the courtroom. When the jury appears, the judge will ask if they have agreed upon a verdict. If the foreman answers in the affirmative, the judge will instruct the jury foreman to hand the verdict forms to the bailiff. The bailiff will then take all the verdict forms from the foreman, without looking at them, and hand them to the judge.

After the verdict has been read by the court clerk, the judge will discharge the jury. The defendant will remain seated until all jurors have left the courtroom, then the judge will finalize the proceedings on the record.