**ICJI 1705 Duties of the Jury**

You have now heard all the evidence in the case. My duty is to instruct you as to the law. You must follow all the rules as I explain them to you. You may not follow some and ignore others. Even if you disagree or don't understand the reasons for some of the rules, you are bound to follow them. If anyone states a rule of law different from any I tell you, it is my instruction that you must follow.

No single instruction describes all the law that must be applied. You must consider the instructions together as a whole.

In considering whether a sentence of death is justified, you shall not consider the race, color, religious beliefs, national origin, gender, or sexual orientation of the defendant or of any victim. You are not to impose a death sentence unless you conclude that you would do so no matter what the race, color, religious beliefs, national origin, gender, or sexual orientation of the defendant or the victim[s] may be.

I have not meant, by these instructions or by any ruling or remark I have made, to indicate any opinion as to the facts or what your verdict should be.

Comment

This instruction should be given after the presentation of evidence.