# **02.29 CLOSING INSTRUCTION — JURORS' COMMUNICATION WITH COURT**

If it becomes necessary during your deliberations to communicate with me, you may give the bailiff a note. The note should be signed by your foreperson or by one or more members of the jury and should contain the date and time of the communication. No member of the jury should ever communicate with me by any means other than a signed note.

Judges sometimes receive written questions from jurors during their deliberations. Although I cannot always answer those questions, if you desire to ask a question, you may write the question on a piece of paper and hand it to the bailiff. A delay will occur prior to a response to your question, since I must first convene the attorneys for consideration of the question.

The law prohibits the bailiff from answering questions about the case or providing you with any books or materials. The bailiff is forbidden to communicate with any juror about the substance of the case.

If you would like to re-hear the testimony of a witness, you may send me a note, and I will decide whether you should hear the testimony again. No new evidence will be presented.