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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

RULES RELATING TO DISTRICT COURTS

RULE 169

POST-TRIAL COMMUNICATIONS WITH JURORS

Supreme Court Rule 169 is hereby amended, effective the 17th day of October, 2007.

Upon completion of the jury trial and before discharge of the jury, the court shall give the substance of the following instruction:

You have now completed your duties as jurors in this case and are discharged with the thanks of the court. The question may arise whether you may discuss this case with the lawyers who presented it to you. For your guidance the court instructs you that whether you talk to anyone is entirely your own decision. It is proper for the attorneys to discuss the case with you and you may talk with them, but you need not. If you talk to them you may tell them as much or as little as you like about your deliberations or the facts that influenced your decision. If an attorney persists in discussing the case over your objections, or becomes critical of your service either before or after any discussion has begun, please report it to me.

Also, you may soon receive a survey in the mail about my performance as judge in this trial. This survey is confidential and is from the Kansas Commission on Judicial Performance. I urge you to take a few minutes to answer the questions and return it promptly.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT, this ______ day of October, 2007.

FOR THE COURT

Kay McVarland, Chief Justice