

1.12 GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR STANDARD CHARGE
(Approved 11/98)

DD. Receiving Verdict [R. 1:8-9; R. 1:8-10]

1. Roll Call

Court: "We will now take a roll call of the jury."

Clerk: "Members of the Jury, as your name is called, please answer 'here'."

2. Taking Verdict

"M. (foreperson), has the jury reached a verdict?" [If "yes," proceed].
On question No. 1, *was the vote 5-1 or 6-0?* [If "yes," read question and request the answer.]

[Repeat procedure for each question]

3. Polling Jury

[Court must poll jury on each question where vote was 5 to 1. Ask attorneys if they want jury polled on unanimous questions. Read question, then ask:] "On this question, was your vote "yes" or "no?" [Call each juror and get their answer.] [Enter count upon the record.] [On damage question, when polling jury ask] "Do you agree or disagree with that amount?"

4. "Before discharging jurors, is there anything further, counselors?"

5. [Thank jurors and discharge them. See following section for language.]

6. Based on jury's verdict, I enter judgment for (_____). Request order of judgment to be submitted. (Optional.)

7. [Request that lawyers calculate prejudgment interest for tort action — *R. 4:42-11* — and submit amount in order of judgment.] [Calculate from date complaint filed or 6 months after cause of action arises, whichever is later. In exceptional cases, the Court may suspend the running of such prejudgment interest.]
8. [Return evidence and transcripts to the attorneys.]