

Section 17. Special Verdicts

(a) Special Verdict Forms. A party requesting a special verdict form should prepare the proposed form and submit it to the court and serve it upon the other counsel prior to the chambers conference referred to in section 15 of this Trialbook.

(b) Filing. Proposed special verdict forms shall be filed and made part of the record in the case.

(c) Copies of Verdict. The court may provide copies of the verdict form to the jury or to each juror for use during arguments or instruction.

Cross Reference: Minn. R. Civ. P. 49.

Task Force Comment - 1991 Adoption

Subsection (a) is derived from existing Trialbook paragraph 33.

Subsection (b) is new.

Subsection (c) is new. The Task Force believes that it may be useful in some cases to allow the jury to have a copy or copies to be used during arguments of counsel or instructions by the court. It is not wise to permit multiple copies of the verdict form to be taken into the jury room, however.