Section 18. Polling and Discharge

(a) Polling the Jury. Upon the return of any verdict and at the request of a party the jury shall be polled. Polling shall be conducted by the trial court or by the clerk at the trial court's direction by asking each juror: "Is the verdict read your verdict?"

(b) Discharge of the Jury. In discharging the jury, the court shall:

(1) Thank the jury for its service;

(2) Not comment on the propriety of any verdict or failure to reach same;

(3) Advise the jurors that they may, but need not, speak with anyone about the case; and

(4) Specify where and when any jurors are to return for further service.

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Subsection (a) is derived from existing Trialbook paragraph 35. Subsection (b) is derived from existing Trialbook paragraph 36.