

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

**PLANTIFF**

**VS.**

**NO.**

**DEFENDANTS**

**JURY INSTRUCTION #C-C-1**

Members of the Jury, you have heard all of the testimony and received the evidence and will hear arguments of counsel. The Court will presently instruct you as to the rules of law which you will use and apply to this evidence in reaching your verdict in the case before you. When you took your places in the Jury Box, you made an oath that you would follow and apply these rules of law to evidence in reaching your verdict in this case. It is, therefore, your duty as jurors to follow the law which I shall now state to you. On the other hand, it is your exclusive province to determine the facts and to consider and weigh the evidence for that purpose. The authority thus vested in you is not an arbitrary power but must be executed with sincere judgment, sound discretion and in accordance with the rules of law stated to you by the Court.

Both the Plaintiff and the Defendant in the case before you have a right to expect that you will conscientiously consider and weigh the evidence and apply the law of the case and that you will reach a just verdict regardless of what the consequences of such verdict maybe.

It is your duty to determine the facts and to determine them from the evidence produce in open court. You are to apply the law to the facts and in this way decide this case. You should not be influence by bias, sympathy or prejudice. Your verdict should be based on the evidence and not upon speculation, guesswork or conjecture.

If nine, or more, jurors, on a verdict, they may return that verdict into open Court as the verdict of the jury.

When you reach a verdict in this case, it should be written on a separate piece of paper, need not be signed by you, and may be in one of the forms given later in these instructions.