

DELIBERATIONS

Your verdict [on each count you consider], whether guilty or not guilty, must be unanimous; that is, each and every juror must agree to it.

To reach a unanimous verdict you must deliberate with the other jurors. That means you should discuss the evidence and consult with each other, listen to each other, give each other's views careful consideration, and reason together when considering the evidence.¹ And when you deliberate, you should do so with a view towards reaching an agreement if that can be done without surrendering individual judgment.²

Each of you must decide the case for yourself, but only after a fair and impartial consideration of the evidence with the other jurors. You should not surrender an honest view of the evidence simply because you want the trial to end or you are outvoted. At the same time, you should not hesitate to reexamine your views and change your mind if you become convinced that your position was not correct.

¹ See *People v. Antommarchi*, 80 N.Y.2d 247, 251-253 (1992).

² *People v. Faber*, 199 N.Y. 256 (1910).