

13-2202. Verdict for defendant; single parties.

We find for the defendant.

Foreperson

USE NOTES

The formal caption of the lawsuit should be added to the top of each verdict form submitted to the jury for their consideration. Following the caption, there should be a title given to each verdict such as, in the above - VERDICT FOR DEFENDANT.

This type of verdict form can be used without change even when there are multiple parties plaintiff, when one sum is to be awarded jointly to the multiple parties plaintiff. In such instances, a change will occur in UJI 13-2201 NMRA where the singular will be changed to the plural. However, in the verdict form for the defense, no change needs to be made when only one verdict can be rendered for plaintiff and the converse is one verdict for the defendant. On the other hand, where multiple verdicts can be rendered for individual parties plaintiff, individual verdict forms for the defendant will be necessary, and, when it is possible for the jury to return a verdict for the defendant against all of the plaintiffs, such a verdict form should be submitted.

[As amended, effective November 1, 1991; March 1, 2005.]