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The Trial

After all of the jurors are seated in the box, the trial will begin. Whether it is a civil or criminal case, your duties are the same. In a criminal case, you will determine whether the state has proved that a defendant is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. If you find the person guilty, you will then have to determine the sentence. In a civil case, you will decide which side has met its burden of proving that there was or was not a wrong committed and whether there are any damages.

Important: The information on this website is not intended to take the place of the instructions given by the judge in any case. Should you see a conflict, the trial judge's instructions will prevail.

Note: The pronouns, he, him, his, refer to both the male and female gender.

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