

## STANDARD REMARKS TO JURORS (CIVIL)

### Remarks to Jurors Before Charge Conference

*Source:* NORTH CAROLINA TRIAL JUDGES' BENCH BOOK, SUPERIOR COURT, VOL. 2 (Civil), Appendix, Pretrial and Trial Section at p. 33 (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.) (Institute of Government 1999)

Members of the jury, all of the evidence has now been presented. It will soon be your duty to decide from the evidence what the facts are and to apply the law that I am about to give you to the facts in arriving at your verdict in this case.

Prior to the arguments of the lawyers and the final instructions of the court on the law that will follow the lawyers' speeches, I am required to confer with the lawyers about the law involved in this case. For this purpose, you will now be excused to the jury room for approximately \_\_\_\_\_ minutes after which we will proceed with the conclusion of this case. Do not yet allow your minds to be made up in this case because you have not yet heard the arguments of the lawyers or instructions of the court. Again, I caution you not to dismiss the case with each other or anyone else or permit anyone to discuss it in your presence or speak to anyone involved in the case in this period.