

Form TJ-121. TABLE FOR CRIMINAL JURY INSTRUCTION
Briefly called as "CrimJI" (Section 33, Rule 1, of the JSR).

(The Table shall be physically appended after the last page of the Jury System Rules)

Recommendation by the JSR author, Marlowe Camello:

1. It is suggested that the arrangement of the "CrimJI" be modeled after the recently revised California Criminal Jury Instruction (briefly known as the "CalCrim"). Its web site is found at:

http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jury/criminaljuryinstructions/calcrim_juryins.pdf

The purpose of the "CrimJI" Table is to facilitate the preparation of Forms TJ-110 and TJ-111 by the Presiding Judge and the contending parties in their criminal cases.

"CalCrim" is the most modern compilation of the Criminal Jury Instruction (along with the California Civil Jury Instruction) in the entire U.S. today. The California Judicial Council took around 7 years to overhaul its Jury Instructions. It was made effective last year, 2006. CalCrim is the updated and greatly enhanced version of the California criminal jury instructions known as the "CalJIC". Although its revision has just been finished, "CalCrim" continues to "grow" with new rulings by the high court and new laws that come up.

2. It is respectfully recommended that a group or council of Philippine Jurists to include retired justices and judges be organized and given the task of formulating the Philippine Criminal Jury Instructions. It may be necessary that the membership of such group will include judicial dignitaries from the various major ethnic population around the country to formulate the CrimJI.

3. In the mean time and without postponing the immediate use of trial by jury in the Philippines, it is further respectfully recommended:

a) To start operating the Jury System of justice by adopting the inherent natural and general introductory Jury Instruction in "CalCrim" as they may be applicable to Philippine laws, court rules, and decrees by asking for "official" permission of the California Judicial Council (CJC) of its formulated Jury Instruction; To seek permission from CJC, it can be reached through its telephone number (415) 865-7978, attention: Mr. Grant Walker., and

b) To consult the particular Philippine law, rule, or decree at issue and citing such law, rule, or decree into formulating the preparation of one's Form TJ-110 and TJ-111. This will serve as an excellent preparation by all parties concerned prior to trial that will immensely enrich the administration of justice for the community and the people involved in the matter.

(Note: In California the indicted person is called "Defendant" as opposed to "Accused" in Philippine criminal proceedings in court)

INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO DEFINITION OF CRIMES TO THE JURY

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SERIES 200 POST-TRIAL: INTRODUCTORY

SERIES 300 EVIDENCE

SERIES 400 AIDING AND ABETTING, INCHOATE, AND ACCESSORIAL CRIMES

**Proceed now to Appendix "A",
the "Table for Criminal Jury Instructions
Which is found at the end of the Book of the Rules of the Jury System.**