**02.03 CLOSING INSTRUCTIONS — USE OF PRONOUNS**

In these instructions, I have tried to use correct pronouns when referring to the parties and to use the plural form when it is appropriate. You should interpret the instructions in a reasonable way. The choice of pronouns is not important. What is important is that you follow the rules given in the instructions.

Use Note

Instructions are usually specially prepared for the parties and the circumstances in the case. Therefore, this instruction should be unnecessary in most cases. However, if the parties are concerned about juror confusion, this instruction should be given.

Comment

Many courts give an instruction as follows: "As used in these instructions, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neutral and the singular gender includes the plural." This instruction is intended to say the same thing, but to do it in a way that is more understandable.