

1.11 PRELIMINARY CHARGE (Approved 11/98, Revised 5/07)

[To be given after the jury is sworn in but before the openings.]

D. Note-Taking¹ (11/98)

(When note taking is prohibited)

You will not be permitted to take notes during this trial. The concern is that note-taking would be distracting, that notes would often be incomplete and that undue weight may be given to the notes. We want you to rely upon your combined recollection of all the evidence.

¹ When note-taking is permitted, use Model Civil Charge 1.13, Note-Taking By Jurors. R. 1:8-8(b) authorizes note-taking when requested by an attorney and permitted by the judge.