

Practice Directions - No. 29 of 1999

Exclusion of jurors' names from records in criminal appeals

1. The names of jurors in criminal trials are recorded on indictments pursuant to the Court's obligation under rule 61 of the Criminal Practice Rules and s.41(3) of the Jury Act 1995. Additionally, doing so is a convenient way of establishing a definitive record of aspects of the proceedings for managerial purposes.
2. An indictment is necessarily included in the record for a criminal appeal. The names of the jurors at the trial will, however, almost invariably be irrelevant to the determination of the appeal.
3. I direct that copies of any indictments included in appeal records not include the names of jurors. It will therefore be necessary when copying an indictment for the purpose of the preparation of such a record, to conceal that part of the indictment which records the names of the jurors.

(Paul de Jersey)
Chief Justice

22 September 1999