

1 **14-6006. Jury sole judge of facts; sympathy or prejudice not to influence verdict.¹**

2 You are the sole judges of the facts in this case. It is your duty to determine the facts from
3 the evidence produced here in court. Your verdict should not be based on speculation, guess, or
4 conjecture.

5 At the start of the trial, I instructed you about implicit or unconscious bias and the need to
6 ensure that unconscious bias does not affect the way you view the parties, the witnesses, or the
7 evidence. Now that you are about to begin your final deliberations, that caution bears repeating.
8 You must not let bias influence your decision. You must not be biased in favor of or against any
9 party or witness because of their gender, gender identity, race, religion, ethnicity, sexual
10 orientation, age, education, national origin, social or economic status, disability,
11 [_____ (insert other form of bias)]² or any other impermissible form of bias.

12 In forming your views about the parties, witnesses, and evidence, focus on individual facts,
13 avoid jumping to conclusions based on stereotypes, and think about the reasons for your views to
14 make sure they are not based on feelings you may have about people of a particular type, class, or
15 background. Your verdict must be based solely on the evidence presented.

16 _____ Neither sympathy nor prejudice should influence your verdict. You are to apply the law as
17 stated in these instructions to the facts as you find them, and in this way decide the case.

18 USE NOTES

19 1. This is a proper instruction to be given in all cases.

20 2. If the parties agree, they can use this alternative to name a particular bias of concern
21 or at issue in the case.

22 [As amended by Supreme Court Order No. S-1-RCR-2023-00041, effective for all cases pending
23 or filed on or after December 31, 2025.]

1 **Committee commentary.** — This instruction was derived from and is identical to UJI 13-
2 2005.