

## **Explanatory Comment**

Current Rule 223.1 governing the conduct of a jury trial does not contain a provision for the trial court to give the jury a written copy of the oral charge or instructions. With the recent adoption of amendments to Pa.R.Crim.P. 646, which permits a trial judge to allow the jury to have written copies of the judge's charge during deliberations, the Supreme Court has adopted a similar amendment to Rule 223.1. The amendment to subdivision (c)(4) will permit the trial court to provide the jury with a written copy of the oral charge or instructions at the conclusion of evidence.

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