

**Proposed Amendments to the District Court Ordinance (Cap. 336)
in Marked-up Mode**

Section 80 Verdict

(1) The verdict and any sentence ~~shall~~must be delivered orally and be recorded in writing at the time of that delivery.

~~(2) The reasons for the verdict and any sentence—~~

~~(a) shall be delivered orally; and~~

~~(b) shall be reduced to writing within 21 days after the hearing or the trial, and the reasons so reduced to writing shall be signed by the judge.~~

~~(2) The reasons for the verdict or any sentence must be delivered—~~

~~(a) together with the verdict or any sentence (as appropriate); and~~

~~(b) either orally or in writing.~~

~~(3) If the reasons are delivered orally, they must be reduced to writing within 21 days after the hearing or the trial.~~

~~(4) The reasons reduced to writing must be signed by the judge.~~

~~(5) If the reasons are delivered in writing, the Court must—~~

~~(a) deliver a copy of the reasons to each of the parties;~~

~~(b) lodge a copy of the reasons in the High Court library; and~~

~~(c) make a copy of the reasons available for public inspection in the Registry of the Court.~~