

Presumption of Innocence

As I told you at the start of this trial, the Defendant is presumed to be innocent of the accusations against her. This presumption of innocence remains with the Defendant unless and until the Government presents evidence satisfying you beyond a reasonable doubt that the Defendant is guilty.

The presumption of innocence is sufficient to require a not guilty verdict unless you find that such evidence has been presented.

If you find that the Government has proven the Defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, the presumption of innocence disappears and is of no further avail to her. However, until that time, the presumption remains with the Defendant.