

Section 13. Custody of Exhibits

(a) Return of Exhibits to Court Personnel. Immediately after conclusion of the examination of a witness regarding an exhibit shown to a witness, counsel shall return it to the court personnel.

(b) Exhibits after Trial. Upon the completion of trial, the administrator shall index and retain all exhibits until the case is finally disposed of and all times for appeal have expired and they are either retrieved by the party offering them or destroyed pursuant to Minn. Gen. R. Prac. 128. In the event an appeal is taken, the court administrator shall deliver the exhibits to the Clerk of Appellate Courts in accordance with the procedures of the appellate courts.

(c) Bulky Exhibits. Any time after trial and upon the agreement of all parties, the court administrator may arrange the return of bulky exhibits to the party offering them at trial.

Cross Reference: Minn. R. Civ. P. 43, 77; Minn. Gen. R. Prac. 128, 129.

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Subsection (a) is derived from existing Trialbook paragraph 43.

Subsection (b) is new, although the subject is covered in a number of current rules.