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Judgments are arranged by country, then listed alphabetically by names of parties, followed by the court and date of decision. Abbreviations for the courts are as follows:

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Procedure and Practice: Standard of Proof **Adrian Keane** considers jurors should be given a fuller & more accurate direction before returning their verdict.

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