

Amendments to Rule 61

Rule 61 is amended as follows:

Rule 61. Harmless Error

[No] **Unless justice requires otherwise, no** error in [~~either the admission or the exclusion of~~] **admitting or excluding** evidence [~~and no error or defect in any ruling or order or in anything done or omitted~~] **-- or any other error** by the court or [~~by any of the parties~~] **a party --** is ground for granting a new trial [~~or~~], for setting aside a verdict, or for vacating, modifying, or otherwise disturbing a judgment or order [~~unless refusal to take such action appears to the court inconsistent with substantial justice. The court at~~]. **At** every stage of the proceeding, **the court** must disregard [~~any error or defect in the proceeding which does~~] **all errors and defects that do** not affect [~~the~~] **any party's** substantial rights [~~of the parties.~~].

(As amended Nov. 25, 2008, eff. Jan. 1, 2009.)