

**Rule 51. Preserving Claimed Error**

(a) Exceptions Unnecessary. Exceptions to rulings or orders of the court are unnecessary.

(b) Preserving a Claim of Error. A party may preserve a claim of error by informing the court—when the court ruling or order is made or sought—of the action the party wishes the court to take, or the party’s objection to the court’s action and the grounds for that objection. If a party does not have an opportunity to object to a ruling or order, the absence of an objection does not later prejudice that party.

**COMMENT TO 2016 AMENDMENTS**

This rule differs from the federal rule in one respect. It omits the last sentence of paragraph (b) of the federal rule, which refers to *Federal Rule of Evidence 103*.