

JURY SELECTION PROCEDURE (CIVIL)

There will be eight jurors. Each side will have four peremptory challenges.

Eighteen jurors will be called. The "struck" jury system will be used.

The voir dire process will begin with brief statements from counsel outlining the facts that they intend to prove at trial. These statements are limited to five minutes. The statements are to summarize only that evidence that each side expects to introduce at trial.

The Court will conduct the first stage of voir dire to all 18 jurors. Counsel shall submit proposed voir dire questions in advance of trial. Counsel shall have ten minutes to conduct voir dire, subject to the limitations of the attached Memorandum filed January 3, 1996.

The Court will address challenges for cause at the bench. Counsel should address challenges from among all of the 18 jurors. The first juror excused for cause will be replaced by juror no. 9. Subsequent excusals will be replaced by the next available jurors in turn. Excusals for cause will not be announced to the jury panel until all challenges have been exercised.

Peremptory challenges shall be made at the bench and shall be announced to the other party. The challenged jurors will be replaced by the next available juror. Until the final jury is chosen, the jurors will not change seats or numbers, unless it becomes necessary to use additional jurors in the selection process.

If a challenge is passed, that challenge is lost. On the other hand, passage of a challenge does not result in waiver of the right to challenge potential jurors who may be called in the event the first group of 18 are eliminated for cause or by peremptory challenge. No "back strikes" will be permitted.

NOTE: Jury questionnaires are on file in the Clerk's Office. Counsel are expected to have reviewed the questionnaires prior to the jury drawing. The Court will not be making inquiry into information provided in the questionnaires.