

### **VOIR DIRE (Court's Instructions)**

1. Seat the jury panel.
2. Have the jury panel sworn.
3. Explain the purpose of voir dire:

The process we are about to go through is known as “voir dire.” “Voir dire” means to “speak the truth.” The purpose of voir dire examination is:

- (a) to enable the court to determine whether or not any prospective juror should be excused for cause;
- (b) to enable counsel for the parties to exercise their individual judgment with respect to peremptory challenges – that is, challenges for which no reason need be given by counsel.

You should be fully candid and open in response to any questions put to you by the court and by the attorneys for the parties. Additionally, you should realize that the questions posed are not intended to be offensive or hurtful, they are simply a means by which the court and the attorneys can learn more about you in order to determine which of you will be the most appropriate jurors to sit on this particular case.