

Voir Dire Research Guide

Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on voir dire, also known as the process for selected jurors. Voir dire is a “preliminary examination of a prospective juror by a judge or lawyer to decide whether the prospect is qualified and suitable to serve on a jury.” (*Black’s Law Dictionary*, 12th ed.) The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

Related guides: Jury Trials

Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov

Civil Practice And Remedies Code

- Ch. 33. Proportionate Responsibility § 33.013 (f) <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CP/htm/C.P.33.htm#33.013>
- Ch. 41. Damages § 41.008(e) - § 41.009 <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CP/htm/C.P.41.htm#41.008>
- Ch. 74. Medical Liability § 74.053 <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CP/htm/C.P.74.htm#74.053>

Code Of Criminal Procedure

- Ch. 35. Formation Of The Jury Art. 35.17 <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CR/htm/C.R.35.htm#35.17>

Texas Family Code

- Ch. 54. Judicial Proceedings § 54.04 <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/FA/htm/F.A.54.htm#54.04>

Texas Government Code

- Ch. 30. Municipal Courts Of Record §30.00676. <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/GV/htm/G.V.30.htm#30.00676>

Secondary Resources in Print

Effective Voir Dire REF KF 8972 .K63

Pattern Voir Dire Questions REF KF 8979 .B76

Texas Bar Books Quick Reference Cards REF KFT 1295

- Voir Dire Reference Card
- Voir Dire Criminal Reference Card

Texas Civil Trial Guide KFT 1738 .D6 2025

- Vol. 1, Ch. 10 Voir Dire
- Vol. 6, Ch. 8 Voir Dire Questions

Texas Criminal Forms REF KFT 1775 .A6G5

- Vol 2, Ch. 14 Jury Selection and Voir Dire

Texas Criminal Lawyers Handbook REF KFT 1775 .D36

- Vol 1, Ch. 14 Jury Selection and Voir Dire

Trial: A Guide From Start To Finish REF KF 8915 .W38

- Ch. 9 Jury Selection-The Plaintiff's Perspective
- Ch. 10 Voir Dire: Striking a Winning Jury-A Defense Perspective

CLE Materials

Advanced Evidence and Discovery (PDF Only)

- 2024 Preserving Error V. Preserving Error in Jury Trials

Intellectual Property Litigation (PDF Only)

- 2024 Ch. 8 Picking a Jury

Advanced Trial Strategies (PDF Only)

- 2024 Ch. 3 How to Get All The Jurors Talkin' and Your Unfavorable Jurors Walkin'

Becoming a Family Law Trial Lawyer (PDF Only)

- 2024 Ch. 4.1 Act Naturally: Jury Trial Insight and Effective Court Presentations
- 2024 Ch. 4.2 The Law on Voir Dire

Online Resources

11 Must-dos From a Voir Dire Master

<https://www.americanbar.org/news/abanews/publications/youraba/2019/march-2019/11-tips-for-effectively-conducting-voir-dire/>

11 Tips For Effectively Conducting Voir Dire

<https://www.americanbar.org/news/abanews/aba-news-archives/2019/01/11-tips-for-effectively-conducting-voir-dire/>

How Understanding The Rules Of Voir Dire Can Help You Select The Right Jury

<https://www.tdcaa.com/journal/how-understanding-the-rules-of-voir-dire-can-help-you-select-the-right-jury/>

Voir Dire: A look at the Process and 10 Quick Tips for Success.

<https://www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=articles&ContentID=60713&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm>

Legal Assistance

Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up
<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up
<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legaline>

Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: <https://www.tarrantbar.org/index.cfm?pg=LRIS>