

COMMENTS ON CRIMINAL COURT PROCEDURES

PRETRIAL

Do you depend on pre-sentencing probation reports? **Yes**

If yes, at what stage do you want them? **As early as possible.**

Do you actively encourage, or participate in, case settlement negotiations? **Yes.**

Do you have a set continuance policy? **Yes**

COURT ROOM PROCEDURES

Do you require or accept trial briefs? **Yes.**

Do you prefer that the attorneys summarize the major points during oral argument on motions? **Yes.**

Do you prefer that the attorneys respond to your specific questions during oral argument on motions? **Yes.**

Do you prefer that the attorneys summarize the major points during oral argument in court trials? **Yes.**

Do you prefer that the attorneys respond to your specific questions during oral argument in court trials? **Yes.**

In court trials, do you allow parties to submit declarations in lieu of direct examination? **Yes**

Do you require attorneys to use the lectern? **No**

Do you require attorneys to stand for objections? **No**

What are your preferences on how an attorney makes an objection? **Stand, make the objection, and state the legal grounds, (i.e. hearsay) without argument.**

Do you allow sidebar approaches for objections? **Yes**

Under what circumstances do you examine a witness yourself? **If I am completely confused or can sense the jury being confused.**

Do you allow jurors to ask questions? **No**

If so, please describe the procedure: **(no response)**

JURY SELECTION

Do you allow mini-opening statements during voir dire? **Yes**

Do you set any time limits on jury selection? **No**

If so, what are the limits and why? **(no response)**

If the case is more complicated, will you allow more time? **Yes**

Do you use a "6-pack" approach to jury selection? **No**

If no, what is your jury configuration? **We voir dire the entire venire at once.**

Do you consider your voir dire examination of potential jurors to be thorough? **No**

Do you always ask general questions (e.g. name, area of residence, occupation, marital status, jury duty experience), or only sometimes? **Yes, but no names.**

Do you always ask more in-depth questions, or only sometimes? **Yes.**

What kinds of questions do you like an attorney to ask during voir dire? **Questions "for cause" only.**

Do you have time limits for attorney voir dire? **Yes**

Do you prefer attorneys to submit potential voir dire questions to the court? **Yes**

Will you use a jury questionnaire? **Yes**

If yes, when? In what type of case? **Sex cases.**

Your own or attorney prepared? **My own with questions submitted by counsel.**

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Do you limit the time for an opening statement? **No**

If yes, please describe your limits. **(no response)**

When in trial, do you go five days a week? **Yes**

What are your regular trial hours? **Afternoons.**

Do you limit closing arguments? **No**

If yes, what are your limits? **(no response)**

Do you have any rules on the use of technology for presentation? **No**

If yes, what are your rules? **(no response)**

What is the most common mistake attorneys make regarding closing arguments? **They exhaust the attention span of the jury by going too long.**

GENERALLY

What type of behavior by attorneys irritates you the most? **Interrupting each other of the court.**

Under what circumstances, if any, would you impose sanctions on an attorney? **Complete disregard for the dignity of the judicial process.**

Please comment on areas of attorney performance you consider important: **Preparation and competency.**

How many special circumstance trials

have you conducted? **0**

Are you more comfortable doing criminal trials than civil trials? **Yes.**

Do you have any active prosecution or criminal defense experience? **Yes, criminal defense.**